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Inside this week's GEM we put the festive focus on Bridgend (Pages 14-18), Park Crescent (Pages 20-22) and Penarth (Page 25)

BCBC warns of council tax rise next year

RESIDENTS in Bridgend county could be paying 5.4 per cent more council tax next year, with warnings from council finance staff there could be a rise of more than 10 per cent the following year.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) collects more than £70 million in council tax from around 65,000 households across the county

borough every year. Councillors point out the amount does not even cover the schools budget, which is due to receive £94m in 2019-2020 under the current proposals.

Since the summer, council executives have been calling for an end to funding cuts from Welsh Government, warning the local authority had reached a critical point and would soon have to make decisions previously thought "unthinkable".

At a cabinet meeting on Tuesday, November 20, the council's finance

head Gill Lewis said that based on the local authority's proposed budget of almost £270m, the council tax for 2019-20 would be 5.4 per cent.

BCBC's public consultation on the budget, which ended on November 18, stated council tax was set to increase by at least 4.9 per cent in 2019.

In last year's medium term financial strategy, the council had predicted an increase in council tax of 4.5 per cent for 2019-20.

Yet officers say with the uncertainty around funding in future years and significant pressures resulting from pay and demographic increases – more school children and older people with increasingly complex medical conditions – the council tax increase is necessary.

They warn that in 2020-21 council tax could increase by over 10 per cent.

In a report which went before cabinet members on Tuesday, officers say only 35 per cent – £3.7m – of cuts have been identified for 2020-21, leaving the council at risk of failing to balance the budget.

The report by Ms Lewis states: "We will continue to identify options to close the gap during the remainder of the financial year and into 2019-20, at the same time seeking additional funding from Welsh Government."

She adds: "A major challenge for the council is how to continue to meet public expectations for many highly visible and tangible services when the available budget inevitably means the council will be less able to deliver these services to the same level and frequency."

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Streets bustle with crowds as Santa Claus and his reindeer hit Bridgend



Volunteer from Porthcawl RNLI wins bravery award
SEE FULL STORY ON PAGE 8

Rain, dear? No; it's cool, but dry. You can see the signs of joy and festive anticipation etched on each and every face – yes, even the children's! – as they await the arrival of Father Christmas and his reindeer. See more photos on Page 6.

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Post-16 education in Bridgend: time to have your say

A MAJOR consultation over the future of post-16 education in Bridgend County Borough will begin early next month.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) is reviewing whether the current provision should be altered, and is inviting the public to have their say.

There are sixth forms in each secondary school in Bridgend County Borough, varying in size from 76 to 347 pupils.

Around 40 pupils also attend the sixth form provision at each of the county borough's two special schools, while Bridgend College provides a range of 'vocational pathways' to approximately 2,000 students aged 16 to 18.

In the new public consultation, which opens on Monday, December 3 and closes on Friday, February 22 2019, parents, pupils, teachers and other interested parties will be asked to say whether they would prefer to retain and change the current sixth form system, or choose an alternative.

The options include: closing all school sixth forms and instead developing a 'sixth form centre' that could be governed by the local authority or a further education college; having a mixture of school sixth forms with some mergers to

create a 'sixth form centre' run by either the local authority or a further education college; or having a full tertiary model governed by the further education sector.

Separate arrangements are being proposed for Welsh-medium and faith education. A BCBC spokesperson said: "It is suggested that the collaboration between Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd with Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llanhari in Rhondda Cynon Taf should continue to develop, with Archbishop McGrath Catholic School continuing to form relationships with other sixth forms and Bridgend College."

A full review of post-16 provision for young people with additional learning needs is also being carried out.

The online survey will be available at www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation from Monday, December 3, paper copies will also be produced and what the BCBC spokesperson termed "interactive workshops" will be held in each of the county borough's secondary schools during January and February 2019.

A report on the outcomes of the consultation will be provided to Cabinet Members in April 2019, and further public consultation would then be held before any final decision is taken.



Surfers enjoying the sight of the dunes at Kenfig National Nature Reserve.

The sands of time are not running out for local dunes

A TWO-year project is under way to preserve the two remaining sand dune landscapes that fringe Bridgend county borough's coastline.

Once joined together as part of one belt of sand that ran all the way from the Ogmere Estuary to the Gower Peninsula, the sand dunes found at Kenfig and Merthyr Mawr Warren are now separated by Porthcawl, two golf courses and farmland.

Led by BCBC, the 'Dunes 2 Dunes - Sustainable Management of Bridgend Coastal Landscape' project will involve increasing biodiversity, improving habitats, restoring some paths and boundaries, and educating visitors.

The project has been backed by £312,541 of funding from the Sustainable Management Scheme via the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme.

Readers' Letters

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'It is essential that women become involved in politics'

LAST week marked 100 years since women were allowed to stand for parliament - we've come a long way since then!

My own party, the Conservatives, has produced not one, but two female Prime Ministers.

Now more than ever, it is essential that more women take the step and become involved in politics at local or national level, because it is vital that we are involved in making decision that affect day to day lives.

There is no denying it

can be tough. Juggling a family, a job and time in the council chamber is sometimes a struggle, but it is a worthwhile struggle. The sense of satisfaction at being able to help local people is second to none, as is the feeling of really belonging to the community we serve.

On this special anniversary, I would like to encourage all women, whatever their political persuasion, to think about putting themselves forward for office. It is a right our forebears fought for and an opportunity we shouldn't be afraid to grasp. Cllr Carolyn Webster, Newcastle Ward, Bridgend.

Bridgend Quiz League teasers

HERE are the latest teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

number of centenarians? 3. In World War Two, what was the FIDO system used to help?

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Answers:
1. High Hopes.
2. Japan.
3. Returning aircraft landing in fog.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL DECEMBER 6)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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02 Sun	01.51	8.2	14.22	8.6
03 Mon	02.59	8.7	15.27	8.9
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05 Wed	04.51	9.5	17.12	9.5
06 Thur	05.34	9.6	17.55	9.8

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'Community Shares' could help groups take over their buildings

GROUPS, sports clubs or community centres in Bridgend county borough who are thinking of taking on their building are being advised to consider 'Community Shares'.

Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) and Wales Co-operative Society have organised a free information session on Wednesday, December 12 from 5.30pm-7.30pm at St Brides Minor Memorial Hall and Institute in Bryncethin.

A BAVO spokeswoman said:

"You can find out if Community Shares may be what you need to take on the responsibility of running your sports facility or community building."

"Community Shares schemes are one way of saving and/or transforming local community facilities; raising money to finance a project; funding new sports clubs and financing renewable energy developments."

"They can provide unrestricted funding to help cover core running costs or capital requirements. The schemes can develop an engaged supporter base, open up new income streams and

help your group become more sustainable."

"The scheme is democratically run and gives control to the community of investors, who could be in your local geographical or sporting community. Anyone can choose to invest and each investor has a say in the management of the scheme, no matter how large or small their investment."

"A Community Shares scheme is a great way of funding projects with a specific community in mind." Advance booking is necessary by calling BAVO, on 01656 810400 or emailing bavo@bavo.org.uk.

Local school visited by Education Secretary

P O R T H C A W L Comprehensive School was visited by Cabinet Secretary for Education, Kirsty Williams, on November 14, to congratulate staff and pupils on achieving the "360 Degree Safe Cymru Award".

During the visit, she launched the National Online Safety Action Plan and listened to pupils about their

online experiences.

Porthcawl Comprehensive School was the first comprehensive in the Central South Consortium to gain this award and only the second in the whole of Wales.

The Online Safety Mark looks closely at the work the school has been ensuring that pupils, staff and all those linked to the school are as safe as possible when using ICT in all its forms.

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Busy times ahead for Lions

P O R T H C A W L Lions will not be holding their book and bric-a-brac festive sale at Trinity Church which was due to take place on December 14.

The Lions' Christmas events start on Saturday, December 1, with the opening of Santa's Christmas Grotto at the Porthcawl Museum from 11am-4pm. Entrance is £4 per child. The grotto will be open every Saturday throughout December up to and including December 22.

On Monday, December 3, the Lions are joining the Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church, Victoria Avenue. They will assist with the Marie Curie street collection in John

Street, Porthcawl on Saturday, December 8.

With a Christmas social dinner for members and partners and the annual tea party for the elderly in Porthcawl at Trinity Church, they will be busy during the festive season.

The Boxing Day Fun Run completes their December activities.

Proceeds from the events go to charity and worthy organisations; recently the Porthcawl branch of the Royal British Legion benefited from a £1,514 donation.

For further information, visit www.porthcawllions.org

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BCBC are united in calls for more funding for local services

THE unanimous decision by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to support a motion calling for additional funding for local government services in the county borough has been welcomed by local AM, Caroline Jones.

The independent Assembly Member for South Wales West – and former leader of the UKIP group in the Welsh Assembly who resigned from the party in September – has congratulated independent county councillor for Penprysg, Cllr Alex Williams, for bringing forward the motion.

It included the Leader of BCBC's warning that educational outcomes for children will be affected by school budget cuts, unless major changes are made to the local government funding settlement.

It called for Welsh Government to immediately review its funding formula for local government to adequately fund the additional pressures faced by councils. The motion also called on BCBC to do all it can to protect core services in education and social services.

Responding to the unanimous

decision of the council to support the motion, Caroline Jones AM said: "Cllr Williams should be congratulated for gaining the cross party support for his motion, which acknowledged the unprecedented financial pressures which all councils continue to face.

"Even with the extra money recently announced by the Welsh Government's Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Bridgend will still face a 0.3 per cent budget cut next year and have to find £8 million of savings from somewhere.

"Unless major changes are made to local government funding settlements going forward, educational outcomes for children and the social services, which support the most vulnerable people in our communities, could be affected.

Ms Jones added that "...challenging financial settlements" brought about by pay awards, an increase in employers' contributions to teachers' pensions and increases in the national living wage for externally commissioned services, are all exerting pressure on local authorities.

She said: "I agree with Cllr Williams that a wholesale review

of the funding formula is required and that local councillors should be empowered to make the decisions which affect our communities rather than power being centralised in the hands of Welsh Government Ministers."

Cllr Williams said: "I am delighted that colleagues from all parties worked together and supported my motion, which seeks to ensure that vital local services are adequately funded.

"For too long, local government has been the poor relation and governments at both ends of the M4 need to recognise that councils deliver important services to local people.

"We are reaching a turning point and it will require radical and innovative thinking from the council's cabinet to avoid a situation where people continue to pay more through their council tax contributions but are receiving less in the way of local services year on year.

"We run the risk of operating all services inadequately by rearranging the deckchairs, rather than being the very best we can be, at what we have a statutory requirement to provide."

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New depot to be built

A NEW highways depot will be built by Bridgend County Borough Council at Waterton in Bridgend, freeing up land for a major housing development.

The new depot will be smaller than had originally been planned in 2016, maximising the amount of land for sale to enable the Parc Afon Ewenni housing development to progress.

Last year, much of the council's depot was demolished along with some other buildings at the same site, just off the A473.

The local authority has since split its depot-based operations between what remains at Waterton and a second depot in Bryncethin, while closing various other smaller depots elsewhere in the county borough.

At a meeting on November 21, councillors agreed that a new modern facility is essential in order to "...provide highways services as effectively as possible".

New CCTV installed at Porthcawl beaches

NEW CCTV cameras have been installed at two Porthcawl beaches.

The two cameras cover Rest Bay and Newton Beach.

They are to be monitored remotely by volunteers from the National Coastwatch Institution at their station in the Old Pilot Lookout Tower, next to Porthcawl Marina.

Speaking at a full council meeting on Wednesday November 21, cabinet member for communities Richard Young said: "The two cameras have been installed by Bridgend County

Borough Council (BCBC) as part of collaborative efforts to make Porthcawl's coastline as safe as possible.

"Those monitoring the cameras will work closely with RNLI lifeguards to keep a close eye on the sea and the water's edge to spot anyone in distress.

"They will also report any safety incidents directly to the coastguard and emergency services."

Liz Bradfield

Local democracy reporter



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Santa lands in Bridgend



President of Bridgend Lions, Tony Gates and wife Pauline at Carnegie House.

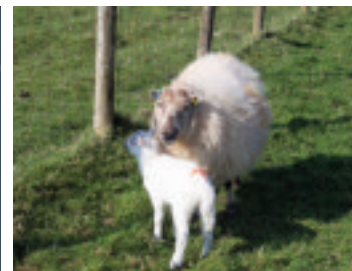
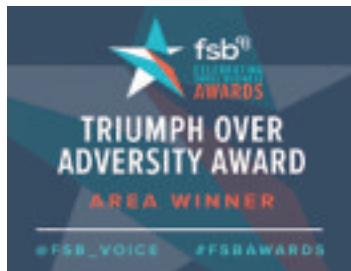
SANTA arrived in Bridgend with his reindeer on November 24 and crowds of children and adults were out to greet him.

The parade finished at Carnegie House where Santa will reside in his grotto every Saturday until December 15 from 10am until 4 pm.

The president of Bridgend Lions and his wife thanked all the elves for helping Santa with a small buffet at Carnegie House, a Christmas card and selection box.

C Thomas

A GOOD NEWS STORY AT LAST



Some of you may recall the feature on Tilly the Ewe that appeared in the 16th November 2017 edition of the Gem. Well, we have an update for you.

For those who missed it, it is a story of 'Triumph over Adversity'; Tilly the ewe lives on the Elan Valley Estate in Mid Wales. In 2017, Tilly was critically ill with 'twin lamb disease'. She was not a special Ewe, she would not stand out in the flock, as you can see from the photo. But Tilly showed remarkable strength of character, resilience and a desire to live. Despite everything, Tilly survived. Only for a Partner of NewBold to be told, she would be going for dog meat!! That couldn't happen. We pleaded for clemency, and now, Tilly has not only had a lamb last spring, but it was a very large, very healthy ram (as you can see). Tilly is proving to be an excellent mother. The ram is called Tommy, and we hear from the Trust, who kindly provide us with updates, that he is being kept on the Estate as a 'Tup'. Tilly has shown that you can't judge a book by its cover, and that you can Triumph Over Adversity if you have the desire to do so. Tilly is now being well cared for by Tudor in the Elan Valley and if anyone has visited the Valley, they will know how lucky Tilly and Tommy are.

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Councillor welcomes UK-wide support strategy for veterans

BRIDGEND councillor Carolyn Webster has welcomed the first ever UK-wide strategy on delivering support for veterans.

Produced jointly between the UK, Welsh and Scottish Governments, alongside the Northern Ireland Office, the 'Strategy for our Veterans' outlines a new vision and principles to support those who served, as well as their families, in every aspect of their lives once they have hung up their uniform.

Conservative Cllr Webster said: "This is excellent news, and very fitting after the extraordinary scenes we witnessed just recently as people in Bridgend, across Wales, and the whole of the UK, turned out to mark 100 years since the Armistice.

"I am sure the strategy will offer real reassurance to current and future veterans, that they will have the level of support they need – and richly deserve – in the years to come."

The strategy identifies six key areas where support is most needed over the next 10 years:

community and relationships, employment and skills, health and wellbeing, finance and debt, housing, and contact with the law.

It assesses the barriers and opportunities in these areas to providing support to each veteran, including improved collaboration between organisations, better co-ordination of services and more robust data on the veteran community.

It will be published alongside a consultation paper that seeks views on how best to champion and deliver the needs of the ex-service community.

The UK Government Consultation informs how the strategy could be implemented across the UK, except for devolved matters in Scotland and Wales.

Open to everyone, including charities, employers, academics, service providers, local authorities and the veteran community, the UK consultation will ultimately inform action planning by providers of public services to support the ex-service community.

Welsh and Scottish Governments will engage separately on devolved issues

such as housing and healthcare.

Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson said: The 'Strategy for our Veterans' is a crucial step in our cross-government efforts to support those who have protected us. By harnessing the combined reach of the UK, Scottish and Welsh Governments and co-ordinating services across charities, local authorities and businesses, we will ensure no-one is left behind."

As part of the package of support for veterans, the Veterans' Gateway's 24/7 helpline will trial a new outreach service where it will proactively call those who have served, to check in on their wellbeing and remind them of where support can be found.

As a first step in better understanding the profiles and needs of veterans, a new question is being considered for addition to the 2021 Census in England and Wales that will allow ex-service personnel to declare their service. The move will help authorities develop a better understanding of where veterans live and work so the right level of support can be provided.

Fun night for local children



BEAR-HIND YOU! A visit by a bear was made to Coytrahen Community Centre one recent Friday during a fun night, which is run by June Roberts. From left: Jackson Jones, Harvey Lee Fenton, Alyssa Owen, and Skye Hopson. Photo by Ian Frith.

Double the difference for KPC's Christmas Challenge

LOCAL charity KPC Youth & Community is taking part in this year's Big Give Christmas Challenge, which runs until midday on Tuesday, December 4, when donations made online will be doubled.

KPC celebrated 20 years of opening this month and still believes in its original ethos of supporting young people to give them better chances in life.

With match funding of donations made, for example every £5 donation will potentially raise £10 plus Gift Aid;

donations of £50 can raise £100 plus gift aid, and so on.

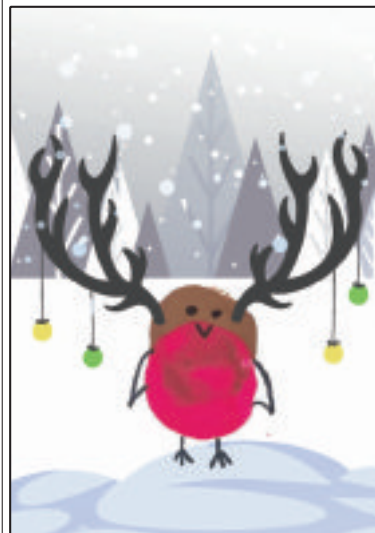
Local businesses and groups are encouraged to take part by organising a small fundraising event such as a cake sale, raffle, 'dress down Friday', or making a donation in lieu of sending Christmas cards; perhaps the cost of a pint or takeaway coffee.

Donations must be made online via secure.thebiggive.org.uk/project/29504 from noon on November 27.

Call Alison on 01656 79219 or email kpcyouth@hotmail.com for further information.

KPC Youth

Success on the cards for local youngsters



Robin with antlers.

BRIDGEND pre-schoolers have created a series of Christmas cards to raise funds for Y Bont.

Six youngsters, aged from two to five years old, made the artworks which were turned into designs, including a robin with antlers, and a fingerprint candy cane, to support the work of the specialist Bridgend school which helps children with disabilities.

The young artists, all of whom attend Y Bont, have now seen their festive drawings transformed into 20 individual Christmas card designs which will go on sale in December.

The artistic project has been brought to life thanks to a collaboration with CJCH Solicitors, which has named Y Bont as its chosen charity for

the past year. All proceeds from the sale of the cards will help to support Y Bont's daily operating costs, including toys, teaching staff, and facilities such as the sensory room and learning materials.

The Y Bont Christmas cards will go on sale from December 1 at Y Bont School in Bridgend, along with all CJCH Solicitors' offices in Cardiff, Barry, Blackwood, and Bridgend. Cards will be sold in packs of 10 for £6 with proceeds being donated to Y Bont.

The solicitors firm pledged to support the specialist school in 2017. It has, so far, raised funds by selling raffle tickets, holding collections, and hosting four simultaneous afternoon tea events across its practices.

Sing Christmas THE Broadway Chorus is returning to All Saints' Church, Porthcawl to present another of its Sing Christmas concerts.

Taking place on Friday, December 14 at 7.30pm the evening is a popular blend of traditional carols and seasonal songs. This year the concert is supporting the British Heart Foundation Cymru.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be available during the interval. Tickets can be obtained from Ceri Millar, Well Street, Porthcawl; chorus members, or at the door on the night.

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Long-service of colleagues celebrated



Sian Phillips (left) and Karen Evans.

ON November 24, Bridgend Life Centre celebrated the long service of some of its colleagues including Sian Phillips and Karen Evans, both group exercise instructors at the centre.

Sian and Karen have given 25 years' service to the fitness industry.

Sian and Karen were called up on the stage with their names up in lights where these two ladies were presented with £125 vouchers and bouquets.

There were lots of people in attendance on the night including Sally Gunnell, who the ladies were excited to meet.

C THOMAS

Porthcawl Floral Arrangement Society meets

AN open evening of the Porthcawl Floral Arrangement Society was held on November 14 in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.

It was attended by the Mayor of Porthcawl as well as over 60 members and visitors.

The demonstrator for the evening was Katherine Kear of the National Association of Floral Arrangement Societies.

The theme was Myths, Mince and Merriment. We were treated to an

evening of Christmas themed floral displays accompanied by stories and many tips.

The arrangements were raffled, together with 10 table displays created by club members.

We are a friendly active club and welcome new members. We meet fortnightly on Wednesday evenings at Awel Y Mor centre; please visit our Facebook page for further information.

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Man jailed following robbery in Caerau



John Paul Jones

A BRIDGEND man has been jailed for six years for robbery.

John Paul Jones (31) of Bridgend, was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court on November 14 after pleading guilty to robbery.

The robbery took place at a property in Hermon Road, Caerau, Maesteg, during the early hours of October 16.

The court heard Jones was staying with his sister's boyfriend for a few weeks prior to the incident.

At around 1am on October 16, Jones entered one of the bedrooms in possession of a kitchen knife when he started making threats and carrying out a search of the room.

Jones told the homeowner to hand

over a rucksack which contained around £500 in cash in loose change. Also stolen from the property were two pairs of Nike Air Max trainers.

On arrest, officers found Jones with the rucksack containing £212. During a police interview, Jones answered no comment to all questions put to him.

Detective Constable Stephen Caruana said: "Jones was in possession of a knife and making threats; this could have easily have led to someone being injured."

"This sentence sends out a clear message that these offences will not be tolerated in Bridgend and we will always work to ensure offenders are brought to justice."

Oldcastle Primary School pupils record a CD for Christmas!



CHRISTMAS is the most magical time of the year, a chance to dream and not just imagine the impossible but to make it happen!

At Oldcastle Primary School we wanted to capture this spirit while also giving our pupils the opportunity to create life long memories.

We have been working on a special musical project and all of our children have become recording artists!

Under the skilful instruction of our music teacher Ms Charlotte Ellett, our children have been taught to sing and perform, and appreciate music.

This has produced a magical Christmas CD with six carefully-chosen songs that capture the essence of the season, including 'Away in a Manger,' and 'Silent Night'.

Headteacher Jeremy Malessa-

Thompson said: "Our Christmas CD truly is magical. The result of the performances and recording has far outweighed our expectation and we would like to thank Resonance Music Studio and Mr Ryan Wood for their support."

"We hope that parents, grandparents and the wider community enjoy listening to the CD and get a sense of how inspired and motivated the children felt recording the music."

Parents and carers of pupils at Oldcastle Primary can buy the CD, which includes artwork from a number of pupils. The tracks are also available to download from the iTunes music store.

Any profit generated will be used to continue to support arts provision at Oldcastle.

Sara Peters

Bridgend Writers' Circle
THE Circle's annual short story competition for this year is 1,500-1,800 words on a theme of your choice.

Entry is £5 for a single story, £7.50 for two stories; closing date is March 1, 2019. The prizes are £100, £50, £30 and publication on the Circle's website.

The competition will be judged by Colum Sanson-Regan and rules, conditions of entry and entry form can be viewed at: bridgendwriters.webplus.net/. For further information, contact fenos51@hotmail.co.uk.

The Circle meets at Carnegie House at 7pm on the first Thursday of the month; new members are welcome.

Busy month for Cantorian Coety



CANTORION Coety are preparing for a busy period during the Christmas season.

The practices, held at Gilead Chapel in Coety, are under the guidance of musical director Eira Paskin and accompanist Gareth Waite. The music this year includes, in addition to the traditional carols, new and contemporary Christmas compositions.

The choir will perform during the morning of Saturday, December 1 at the Bridgend town Christmas activities near the old library, Carnegie House, Wyndham Street.

The following week on December 5 Cantorian Coety will entertain the residents of Hafod House, Llanrhymney in Cardiff.

On Saturday, December 15, the choir have been invited to take part in a themed event at the National Botanical Gardens of Wales, Llanarthne, and will be performing at various locations in the garden.

During this busy period Cantorian Coety are very grateful for the support and leadership of their hard-working music team.

Alun Roberts Jones

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Santa Claus comes to greet Bridgend!



GEM photographer Andy Wicks was out and about in Bridgend town centre last Saturday, as Santa and his reindeer arrived. There were numerous activities throughout the day, as people came along to start the build up to the festive season.

BCBC's rethink on schools after extra cash allocation

FUNDING arrangements for the next wave of investment in new schools across Bridgend need to be analysed again after the Welsh Government changed its contribution for projects.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) had produced a report for full council on how the new builds would be financed.

But councillors at a meeting on Wednesday, November 21, voted to defer a decision on the report after being told the Welsh Government had increased its match funding amount.

The new schools form part of the £68.2m second phase of the 21st Century Schools Programme.

Speaking at the meeting, council leader Huw David said: "We have this afternoon been advised that the

contribution rate from Welsh Government will increase from 50 per cent to 65 per cent, reducing our contribution rate to 35 per cent.

"This is very good news but because it is a significant change, it is proposed to defer the report to carry out further analysis of options available."

In December 2017, the Welsh Government's Department for Education gave an 'approval in principle' for Bridgend's second wave of investment.

The programme has yet to name individual schools but has identified five priority areas: Bridgend North East, Bridgend South East, Bridgend Special School, Bridgend West – Welsh medium, and Bridgend West – English medium.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter



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Local farmer's award rams home the benefits of EID technology



Rhys William Edwards with Lesley Griffiths.

A FARMER'S son from the area, farming 550 ewes on a hill farm, is celebrating after winning an award, thanks to his innovative entrepreneurship in agriculture.

Rhys William Edwards, of Hendre-Ifan-Goch Farm near Blackmill, Bridgend, won the Young Learner Land Management and Production category at Lantra's 2018 Land-based Learner of the Year Awards.

Mr Edwards has set up the flock electronic identification (EID) and demonstrated how he uses the data and information generated to improve management for improved profitability and performance.

Growth rates and deadweights are all analysed against sire and dam performance.

Kevin Thomas, Lantra Wales national director, commented: "Mr Edwards is part of the AHDB RamCompare project and has presented the benefits of EID recording at many farmer meetings."

The young farmer was nominated by Simply the Best Training Limited.

The awards, presented on November 26 during this year's Royal Welsh Winter Fair, recognised the success of learners in Wales' land-based and environmental industries. This year's awards were presented by Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs, and were sponsored by Farming Connect.



Mary Layland, Nicky Moss and Cath Barnard with proud winners Presley, Odette, Lucy and Theo.

School pupils design Christmas cards for Cost of Cancer

FOUNDER of local charity Cost of Cancer, Nicky Moss surprised and delighted pupils at St Clare's, Porthcawl when she arrived to announce the winners of a special Christmas card competition.

The four winning card designers were Presley, Odette, Lucy and Theo who all won prizes and their winning card designs have been printed.

Nicky Moss, the founder of the local charity knows first-hand how difficult life can be when you're off work and going through treatment for cancer. Not because she's had cancer but because she nursed her best friend through the illness back in

2008/2009. She's been determined ever since to make sure that there is financial help out there for people like her friend.

Cath Barnard, former head of St Clare's is now a trustee for Cost of Cancer too. A recent addition to the team, her drive and passion are totally infectious.

Cost of Cancer's next event is "A Light for a Life" service at The Hi Tide, Porthcawl on Sunday, December 2. It's a new venue for this year's Light for a Life, which will be a beautiful service to remember loved ones at Christmas-time.

There will be a hog roast and Father Christmas for the children.

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Pavement repairs are under way

A £400,000 programme is under way in Bridgend to improve pavements and foot paths.

A total of 16 streets in the county are being targeted with repairs and improved drainage taking place.

Speaking at a council meeting on November 21, the cabinet member for communities, Cllr Richard Young, said: "These highways and footways improvements will prove to be extremely useful if the winter weather turns harsh, and will help ensure that local people can get around safely."

million pound road resurfacing initiative that we embarked on in the run-up to winter."

The areas being targeted include Heol Onnen and Fairfield in North Cornelly, Dol Afon and Maes Y Wern in Pencoed, Princess Street in Maesteg, Blossie Street in Nantfyllon, East Avenue and West Avenue in Cefn Cribwr, West Drive in Porthcawl, Burns Crescent in Bryntirion, Brynffrwyd Close in Coychurch, Heol Dewi Sant in Bettws, Hill View in Pontycymer, Moira Terrace in Ogmore Vale, and Kenry Street in Evanstown.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Ruth wins gold at Care Awards

THE professionalism of a nurse at a local care home has been recognised at a social care awards ceremony.

Former hospital nurse Ruth Smithers, has been praised for her attention to detail and commitment to maintaining the best and most up to date practices since taking the clinical lead post at Brocastle Manor Care Home in Bridgend in 2015.

Nurse Smithers won gold in the 'Independent Sector Nurse of the Year Award' category at the 15th annual Wales Care Awards.

Nurse Smithers, who lives in Tredegar, said: "It's lovely, and great for Hafod Care Association and the team here."

You're only as good as your team and the award is reflective of them.

"I love coming to work here - I'm so lucky to enjoy what I'm doing every day."



Ruth Smithers with her Wales Care Award.

Clinical manager Fiona Exelby said: "Ruth is particularly passionate about client care and one relative who witnessed her interaction with his mother was reduced to tears by her kindness and compassion."

Third day of action results in arrests for drug offences

OPERATION Avalanche has continued, with a further seven people arrested in Bridgend.

A third day of action to tackle the supply of drugs took place in the Bridgend area on November 26. Four men and three women have been arrested on suspicion of drug offences and are currently in custody.

Officers carried out searches at six addresses and recovered a quantity of drugs believed to be class A.

The arrests bring the total number to 37 people arrested over the three days of action in Bridgend and the Vale.

Detective Inspector Dean Taylor said: "Around 45 officers took part in Operation Avalanche, a large-scale operation to tackle the

drug supply in Bridgend and the Vale.

"The most recent operation was focused on Bridgend - two of the people in custody were arrested in the town centre. We know the community have been concerned about drugs in the town centre and we hope this enforcement highlights our tough approach to tackling these issues."

"Drugs have no place in our communities and we hope Operation Avalanche will serve as a warning to others involved in illegal drug activity that their actions will not be tolerated."

"If you have any information on drug dealing, please let us know so we can act." Anyone with any information can call 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Local butcher set for competition

THREE butchers are sharpening their knives and honing their skills for a Welsh Butcher of the Year showdown next week.

Defending champion Dan Allen-Raefry (35), from Randall Parker Foods, Llanidloes will face Craig Holly (29), from Neil Powell Butchers, Abergavenny, a former Welsh Pork Butcher of the Year, and Chris Lewis from Filco Foods, Llantwit Major, who will be making his competition debut at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair in Builth Wells.

In addition to having the prestige of being named the Welsh Butcher of the Year, the winner will also receive a trophy and a cheque for £100.

The winner will have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of talented butchers like Peter Rushforth and Matthew Edwards, who have both represented the UK and won the Butchery WorldSkills UK National Competition.

Pupils are helping care home residents get tech savvy

RESIDENTS of Hafod's Brocastle Manor Care Home have been using technology, courtesy of volunteers from a local junior school and Digital Communities Wales (DCW).

The scheme run by DCW has been helping people in Wales gain and develop fundamental digital skills since 2015. It encourages young people between the ages of seven and 21 to train as digital volunteers and deliver training events in their areas in which they live.

This autumn, Hafod jumped at the chance to partner with DCW.

Class J7 from Llangewydd Junior School has visited Brocastle to show the residents how to use iPads, as well as taking part in arts and crafts activities and even a sing-song.

J7's teacher, Miss Davies, said: "What an amazing experience for our pupils."

"We hope it's the start of something quite magical."

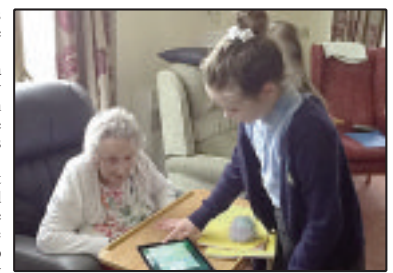
Meanwhile, the young volunteers are developing a host of skills including planning events and facilitating training - as well as getting to spend a few hours outside the classroom!

The volunteers clearly enjoyed themselves.

Class J7's Osian Jones had fun with Brocastle resident Harry.

He said: "Harry was a super person. I really enjoyed talking to him and helping him use the iPad. He was nearly as clever as me!"

Following their first session, Llangewydd Junior School have invited some of the residents of Brocastle to their upcoming Christmas concert.



Brocastle resident Beryl (left) with a pupil from Llangewydd Junior School.

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Mark Shephard Corporate Director Communities / Cylarwyddwr Corfforaethol
Cymunedau 29/11/2018

Porthcawl RNLI volunteer wins bravery award

FOLLOWING his nomination to the Bridge FM Radio 'Young Achievers Award 2018' which was supported by Bridgend College, Porthcawl's Ieuan Walmsley-Williams was delighted to hear that he had been selected as the winner of the Bravery Award.

Ieuan, a student at Porthcawl Comprehensive school, has been a member of the Porthcawl RNLI lifeboat crew for just over one year and has proved he is deserving of this award on several 'shouts' in recent months.

He follows in his father Andrew's footsteps being a fellow volunteer at Porthcawl. Porthcawl Lifeboat management group chairman, Ian Stroud, said: "As soon as I heard of the Young Achievers Award - Bravery section I had no hesitation in nominating Ieuan. He has turned up for numerous 'shouts' and launched with fellow crew members to a variety of casualty situations.

"Among some of the casualties who have been



Ieuan Walmsley-Williams receiving his from Ade Collins of Action Doors. Photo by Vicky Walmsley-Williams.

assisted when Ieuan has been on the crew are two girls and a young person and dog, both calls to cut-offs by the tide, when crew have had to swim on a rocky shore and through surf.

"Also there was a lady with a dislocated ankle and a male who, during swimming, suffered chest pains. Sea conditions have varied considerably but three to five foot waves do not deter his determination to go to the rescue."

The Bridge FM Radio Young Achiever Awards

took place at the Heronston Hotel and Spa in Ewenny where Ieuan was joined by his family for the award presentations.

He received his award from Ade Collins, director of Action Doors who sponsored the Bravery section of the ceremony.

Dad Andrew said: "It was a very good evening not just for Ieuan's award but to hear so many inspiring stories of fellow young award recipients from the Bridgend area."

Rise in council tax warning from council

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The report went on: "These services are often the ones the public identify with their council tax payments.

"The council's strategy is to retain and maintain the most important public services in this area whilst driving ever greater efficiency, making some service reductions where we think it will have the least impact across council services, recognising that this still may be significant in some areas."

At the meeting council leader Cllr Huw David said the draft report of the medium term financial strategy was a "stark warning" of the seriousness of the council's financial situation.

He said: "Most of the other local authorities in Wales are currently looking at a council tax increase of anything from five per cent to 15 per cent this coming financial year because we are all facing similar pressures."

Deputy leader Hywel Williams added: "This is a draft report.

"The report sets out one option for setting a balanced budget for 2019-20 and a further strategy for getting us from 2021-23.

"The council is the largest employer in the county borough and we are responsible for a gross spend of £400m.

"We need to set a balanced budget in February.

"Next year we will receive £1.22m less than last year [in the local

government settlement].

"We know the future years will be very challenging with a further £30m to £40m needing to be found to balance the budget.

"The only way we can do this is by possibly having a council tax rise in excess of 10 per cent - we need to do this to protect vital services for 140,000 residents in the county borough."

Final decisions on the budget for 2019-20 will be made by councillors in February.

The Welsh Government has recently announced an extra allocation to councils. The GEM asked BCBC if this might lead to a cut in the council tax rise.

The Leader of BCBC, Cllr Huw David, said: "Our Shaping Bridgend's Future budget consultation has only just closed and we will be carefully considering public feedback before finalising our budget priorities for next year.

"However, it is likely that council tax will increase due to escalating financial pressures caused by austerity and the need to cover extra pension contributions for teachers without receiving any additional funding.

"We are not alone in having to consider council tax rises. Every council in Wales will be increasing their council tax next year and many councils are considering much higher increases than ourselves."

Philip Irwin, Liz Bradford
Local democracy reporter



Starbucks Secret Santa appeal, with Aaliyah Lewis.

Coffee store supporting Barnardo's

GENEROUS customers of Starbucks branches across south Wales will be making the wishes of vulnerable children come true this Christmas.

Stores run under the franchise of Magic Bean, including the one in Bridgend, have set up Christmas trees hung with gift tags, each with the name of a child supported by Barnardo's Cymru.

Customers are being encouraged to choose a tag and donate a gift for a child who might otherwise be without presents on Christmas Day.

Barnardo's Cymru supports children who have been trafficked, abused and neglected. Others may have been affected by family bereavement or may be responsible for caring for a sick or disabled parent or sibling.

Christmas can be a time when they feel particularly isolated from other children but it is hoped the Starbucks appeal will help bring some seasonal joy.

Sarah Crawley, director of Barnardo's Cymru, said: "Some of the children we support would have nothing to open on Christmas Day if it wasn't for the generosity of the Magic Bean Starbucks franchises and their customers.

"Their kindness will make such a difference to children who may have had a very tough year and faced many challenges. I'd like to say a big thank you on their behalf."

Magic Bean managing director, Leon Esfahani, said: "We are so proud to be supporting Barnardo's Cymru for the third year running through our Secret Santa Appeal.

"It is so important to us that no child goes without at Christmas, which is why we are aiming to beat last year's target and collect 2,000 gifts.

"Christmas can be a stressful time for families financially, so we want to help take the pressure off and ensure many children can have the magical Christmas they deserve."

The Savoyards' 'towering' turn

THE Mid-Glamorgan Savoyards' production of *The Yeomen of The Guard* reached new heights recently.

A packed Grand Pavilion welcomed the regulars on stage and in the pit. The *Yeomen* themselves, resplendent in their colourful uniforms, provided a strong and united backdrop for the soloists.

The members of the cast, without exception, were possessed not only of superb voices but also dramatic presence, conveying humour and pathos and playing to the appreciative audience.

Everything about this production sparkled. Congratulations go to the stage director, Rob Reynolds.

Movement around the stage was smooth and

having some of the duets, trios and quartets to the front of stage and singing directly to the audience meant we were able to fully engage with their polished singing.

This is not to forget the chorus, both on stage and in the pit. Enthusiastic, energetic singing and confident stage presence marked their performance.

The whole performance was conducted by Roger Hudd, who kept up a lively tempo throughout. This year the excellent orchestra contained a number of players from local schools, which gave them valuable experience.

The profit from this year's production will finally be just over £1,500 and will go to Kidney Research Wales, Prostate Cymru and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Dominique Spearey

Family's emotional Remembrance journey to 'Wipers'



Paul Howson and sons at the grave of Frank Howson.

A FAMILY from Cowbridge made an emotional journey of Remembrance earlier this month

The Howson family all made the journey to Ypres and the Somme region to remember those who gave their lives - and in particular to visit the grave of their great-uncle Frank who died in the First World War.

It had been a journey that Paul Howson remembers taking with his dad. It therefore seemed fitting and timely to take his own sons and daughter to pay their respects.

Richard, Alex, Tom and Kate Howson (aged 24-30 years) travelled together with their parents Paul and Helen to France.

They travelled to Caen to see war graves in the area and the Pegasus Bridge Memorial, which featured strongly in the Second World War.

From there they travelled to Amiens stopping off in Maricourt to visit the grave of their great-uncle Frank who died aged 19 on August 26, 1918, in the battle of the Somme.

The family then travelled to Mametz Woods and visited the Welsh

dragon memorial in memory of over 4,000 Welsh men who gave their lives to take the hill, a key strategic point at the time.

The boys were really pleased to see that the WRU and other rugby clubs from Wales had remembered those who had given their lives and laid their commemorative wreaths a day earlier.

Helen said: "We also visited the cemetery, so immaculately kept by the War Graves Commission. The boys were shocked to see so many young men of their own age and younger who had given their lives."

"The site also included a special commemorative tribute to Hedd Wyn the Welsh poet who died in the region."

"The emotional pinnacle of the visit came in attending the Armistice tribute at the Menin Gate in Ypres. This was attended by thousands who had come from many parts of the Commonwealth."

"We were all struck by the poignancy of over 50,000 names etched on the walls commemorating those who had no named grave. The sound of the bugle playing Last Post will haunt us for many years to come."

WI receive interesting talk on stained glass

THE November meeting of St Hilary WI was held in the village hall on November 13.

This month's speaker was Jo Williams, showing members how she produces the most wonderful pictures and ornaments in stained glass.

Jo is not only the Institute's highly-efficient secretary, but her unusual hobby had members fascinated.

Jo started by giving members a short history of stained glass work and how different colours are acquired.

She said that stained glass has been produced since ancient times and both the Egyptians and Romans excelled at the manufacture of small coloured glass objects and that, over the centuries, the art of stained glass has been developed and used extensively all over the world.

Jo then proceeded to show

members the various techniques involved in making a stained glass ornament.

As each stage is very time consuming, Jo used, most effectively, the well-tried and trusted "this is one I made earlier" Blue Peter system.

It soon became clear that there is a great deal of skill and creativity needed as cutting, grinding and soldering lead and/or copper foil are just a few of the different stages.

The result Jo produced was the most beautiful pair of turtle doves, a magnificent end to a fascinating evening. Jo finished by offering a variety of bells for members to buy for Institute funds. The evening ended with refreshments.

The December meeting will be the Christmas dinner held in the village hall on December 11.

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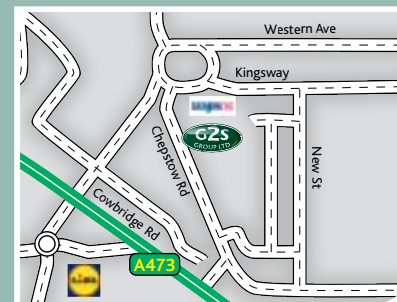
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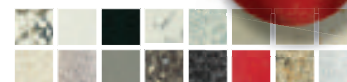
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Volunteers honoured at disability awards

Kat Williams and Joshua Watkins are presented with their awards by Cllr Leighton Rowlands, Mayor of the Vale (centre).

VALE Mayor Cllr Leighton Rowlands recently attended the 25th anniversary of the 'Understanding Disability Awards' in Cardiff Bay.

The awards were presented to individuals, groups and employers by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Cllr Diane Elizabeth Rees and Cllr Rowlands.

Representatives from the Vale were honoured.

Romilly High School of Barry was 'highly commended' in the school category.

Joshua Watkins, a former pupil of Ysgol y Deri in Penarth, was recognised for his volunteering work with Rhooose Homework Club which oversees 30 children in sport and physical activity sessions.

Lisa Edwards of 10th Barry Guides was 'highly commended' in the volunteer category.

Steve Thomas, founding member, director and trustee of ValePlus was presented with a 25th anniversary award.



Eight further arrests as Avalanche rumbles on

A SECOND day of action to tackle drug supply in the Vale has led to eight arrests.

Operation Avalanche activity continued today with more early-morning raids in the Vale.

This brings the total arrested over the two days to 19.

Local officers joined specialist officers from the Territorial Support Team and the dog section, as well as National Crime Agency officers for the operation.

Officers attended 12 addresses across Barry and Rhooose today (November 22) with drug warrants executed at six of those addresses.

Officers have today arrested eight people on suspicion of drug offences, six are men and two are women.

"Those arrested are aged between 31 and 54. They are currently in police custody.

Detective Inspector Dean Taylor said: "Today around 54 officers took part in the second day of action known as Operation Avalanche.

"This is a large-scale operation to tackle drug supply in the area and I hope this enforcement highlights our tough approach to effectively address these issues.

"We will not tolerate this type of criminality operating within our area and we are committed to disrupting and dismantling these organisations.

"If you have any information on drug dealing then please let us know so we can act."

Anyone with any information can call 101 or alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Playful Pickle seeks an experienced Collie owner

PICKLE is an active one-year-old Border Collie who needs continued work on his social skills, as he can be worried when meeting new dogs, but once he gets to know them, he is very playful.

It may help him to live with another dog in the home, but this is not essential as long as he is socialised often.

Pickle is looking for a home with experienced owners who have had Collies before and can give him all the exercise and mental stimulation

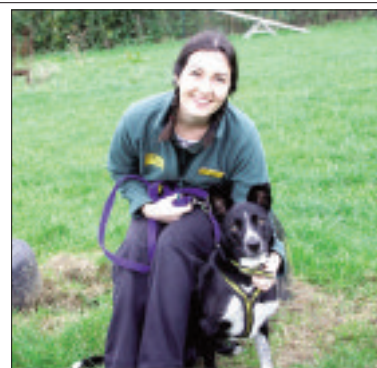
he needs.

It would be beneficial for him to attend training classes to help build up his confidence around other dogs.

He can live with children 14 years old and over and will make a fun companion for someone who enjoys the outdoors and long walks.

To find out more about Pickle, see his profile at www.dogstrust.org.uk/re-homing/dogs/dog/filters/breed/n/1201453/pickle

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Jingle all the way!

ON Sunday, December 9 at 3pm in Crossway Methodist Church, Barry, the Barry Community Choir invites everyone to come out of the cold and into the warmth of a very merry Christmas concert!

Enjoy carols and traditional songs, old and new, with festive food afterwards and a chance to win a Christmas hamper.

Tickets (£7) and can be purchased in advance from the choir's website, from choir members or at the door. There is no charge for children 16 and under.

Valeways guided walk

ON Thursday, November 29 an Over the Railway walk meets at the Sycamore Tree pub in Colwinston (CF71 7NG) at 10am.

ADVERTORIAL FEATURE

Showcasing East Street Dental Centre

THE Ellen Davies Dental Practice has changed hands, and is now under the ownership of Dr Owain Joynson, who runs two other successful Dental Practices in Barry.

The practice has had a

complete renovation, with an additional surgery now available to treat patients.

Three dentists now work at the practice: Dr Roshni Heaton, Dr Alex Franklin and Dr Carly Cummings.

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In addition, we also now have a hygienist at the practice – Rachel McGregor who is available for appointments on Fridays.

We are also excited to welcome Dr Oliver Thomas to the practice, who is providing both cosmetic Orthodontic Treatments and Facial Aesthetics treatments. Dr Thomas, who has a wide experience providing these services in the Swansea area, has a keen interest in aesthetic and cosmetic dentistry. Some of the services he offers include:

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‘Winter Fair showcases the best of Welsh produce’

ICAN hardly believe that the Royal Welsh Winter Fair has been and gone again already. It was yet another great event and we all enjoyed the many #FarmingMatters chats.

There is a lot to be said for events like the Winter Fair. Not only does it give us an opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues, it is also a fantastic showcase for everything Welsh agriculture and food production has to offer. The livestock on show were prime examples of the high animal health and welfare standards

we have, groomed to absolute perfection, and if you ventured into the food hall you will have seen some of the finest food produced in Wales.

It really was an occasion to celebrate and it will no doubt have got many of us into the festive spirit.

Walking around the showground, all of us would have been reminded why #FarmingMatters so much to rural Wales.

The strength and value of our rural communities can't be ignored and we will continue to highlight that those businesses which supply essential services, materials and machinery to farmers, through to the farmers themselves and their produce, to the processors who turn



Rachel Saunders of the Farmers' Union of Wales writes on Farming Matters

them into food, and the consumers themselves, have a critical part to play in our rural economy.

With this in mind, we heard Cabinet Secretary Lesley Griffiths announce that the vast majority of farmers will get paid on time when the first payment window opens on December 3 – and for those facing possible payment delays who have applied for BPS loans, payments worth around 70 per cent of the amount claimed should be issued during the week starting December 10.

Of course, we know that this could be one of the last years of those payments, should the

Welsh Government proceed with its current proposals and phase direct payments out from 2020.

The current BPS makes up around 80 per cent of many a farm business income and to a large extent that's what keeps the wheels of our rural economy turning.

And while there are some who don't agree with the direct payment, it is worth remembering that our family farms do so much more than just produce food and this payment pays for far more than just food production.

Family farms are the cornerstone of our rural economies and Welsh food production sustains tens of thousands of other businesses from upstream businesses such as feed merchants, agricultural contractors and engineers, to downstream businesses such as hauliers, processors and retailers.

Let us hope that by the New Year, the Welsh Government will have taken account of the thousands of responses from individuals and organisations to the Brexit and our land consultation, all of which highlight concerns about the impacts of the Welsh Government's plans on businesses such as those present at the Winter Fair this year.

Black bag collections down by a third in Vale

THE number of black rubbish bags collected in the Vale has gone down by a third since a 'two bags per fortnight' rule was implemented by the council.

Since September, the Vale Council has been collecting just two black bags per home every fortnight.

Users of the Vale's tips are also having to prove they live in the area and have their black bags opened to prove they don't contain recyclable waste. The council has now revealed the measures have seen the number of black bags

drop by 31 per cent.

It has also led to an eight per cent increase in kerbside recycling and a 19 per cent rise in food waste recycling.

There has also been a 64 per cent reduction in black bag rubbish at household waste recycling centres due to residents sorting their waste.

Changes to black bag collections were introduced as the council has been given a target by the Welsh Government to recycle 70 per cent of its waste by 2024/25. Before the changes, the recycling rate in the Vale was 64 per cent.

The black bag limit led to recycling increasing by almost 30

per cent after its first month, however in the first week of October it led to the council running one day late for recycling pick-ups.

Cllr Geoff Cox, cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said: "The reduction in black bag waste and increase in recycling so far has exceeded our expectations."

"With such strong public support for our waste and recycling changes and despite some early collection problems, I am sure we will achieve our recycling targets for 2019/20 and 2024/25."

Matt Discombe, Local democracy reporter

White Ribbon Day supported by AM

NOVEMBER 25 is White Ribbon Day, the international day for the elimination of violence against women.

Vale AM Jane Hutt marked the day in the Senedd with members of the Dinas Powys WI.

She quoted figures stating that in Wales and England, two women a week are killed by a current or former partner and 10,000 women a week experience sexual abuse, said it was "unacceptable" and called for the elimination of what she described as

a "devastating human rights violation".

"I raised this issue in the National Assembly last week and asked the First Minister for an update on how the Welsh Government supports

White Ribbon day. I was pleased that on November 25, Finance Secretary Mark Drakeford and the Leader of the House Julie James announced £1.2 million of EU funding, alongside £300,000 directly from the Welsh Government for the £1.7 million 'Limitless programme' during a visit to Welsh Women's Aid in Cardiff."

Christmas tree lighting

THE annual lighting of the Llancafarn Christmas Tree will take place on Sunday, December 9 at 6pm at the ford in Llancafarn.

There will be carols, mince pies and mulled wine (weather permitting). The lights will be turned on by the winner of the Llancafarn Primary School painting competition; all welcome.

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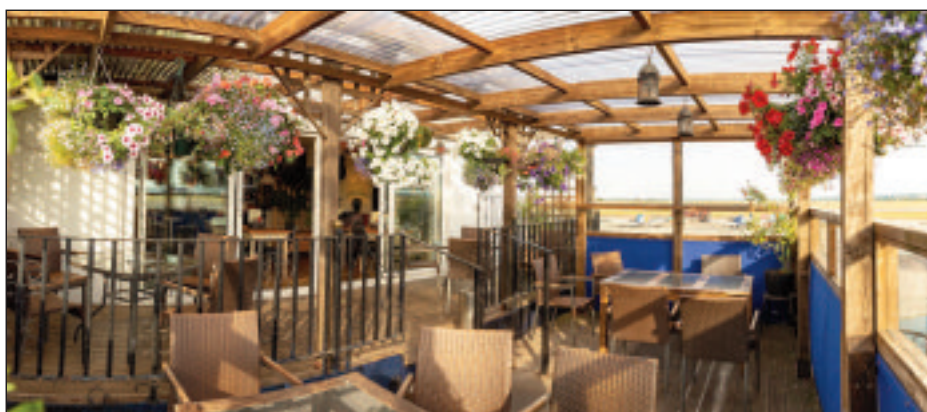
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Llancarfan pupils enjoy a wonderful recreation of wartime Britain



A selection of salutes was made.

PUPILS from Llancarfan Primary School have been studying World War II this term and, as part of their topic, visited Barry War Museum.

They were transported back to the 1940s as the children arrived as evacuees, each with their own name tag inscribed with their place of destination.

The children were met by members of the Home Guard, an Air Raid Warden and a member of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, played by volunteers for the day.

Highlights included stepping into a 1940s-style kitchen and comparing the products with those

found today, learning all about an Anderson shelter, and being moved when being told about and imagining the hardships the soldiers faced while fighting.

There was also an opportunity for the pupils to reenact an air raid and hide for cover as well as the chance to learn 1940s wartime songs and sing them as a class. A wonderful time was had by all, although the pupils were pleased to return to 2018.

The staff and children would like to say a very big thank you to the volunteers who made their day so very enjoyable.

Chris Hughes

The Bevin Boys dug for victory

THEY wanted to fight for their country, but instead they dug for victory.

In 1943 Britain faced a shortage of coal. To tackle this problem conscripts, known as Bevin Boys, were chosen at random from all men aged 18 to 25 who would otherwise have gone into the Armed Services and into coal mining. Refusal was to go to jail.

Approximately 48,000 Bevin Boys were conscripted into the coalmines. Notable Bevin Boys include Eric Morecambe, Brian Rix, and Peter Shaffer.

In 2013, a memorial to the Bevin Boys, based on the Bevin Boys Badge, was unveiled by the

HRH Countess of Wessex at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire.

The memorial was designed by former Bevin Boy Harry Parkes, and is made of four stone plinths carved from grey Kilkenny stone from the Republic of Ireland. The stone should turn black like the coal that the miners extracted.

Jacqueline (Jaye) Swift will screen the presentation at Barry War Museum, Barry Island Railway Station on Wednesday, December 5 at 7pm.

This presentation tells the story of who the Bevin Boys were, and what they did for their country.

Entry is free.

Public toilet charge being considered

PEOPLE are being asked whether they would pay to use public toilets in the Vale.

A consultation has been launched by the Vale Council asking people whether they would pay up to £1 to use public conveniences in the Vale.

The council operates 23 toilet blocks, which are staffed by four attendants working on a rota system to open, close and clean the toilets.

People are being asked for their views as the council prepares a strategy to meet the need for toilet provision in the area.

The council says it has not made any firm decisions yet.

Dave Knevet, the Vale Council's operational manager for neighbourhood services, healthy living and transport, said: "As part of the Public Health (Wales) Act, every local authority in Wales has to prepare and publish a toilet strategy. This involves assessing and meeting the need for toilet provision in the community."

"We are currently gathering information on this issue and no decision has yet been taken. A survey has been drafted to help gauge opinion and one of the questions within it relates to charging for the use of toilet facilities."

Matt Discombe, local democracy reporter

Christmas cracker for local groups

CHRISTMAS came early for causes in the Vale this week, when the Co-op revealed £32,000 of funding for local causes.

The money will be shared by eight organisations, all of which are making a real difference to communities throughout the region. These include Llantwit Major Girlguiding, Valeways, and Barry Round Table, which will use the money to provide a Christmas dinner for the elderly.

Craig Brownsell

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WHAT'S ON - NEWS IN BRIEF

Christmas Dance Academy disco
DANCE Academy are holding a disco on December 22 from 6pm – 8pm at St Nicholas Hall.

Children 5-16 years are welcome; £5 entry on the door will include a hot dog and drink. An opportunity for the children to enjoy a Christmas disco while parents can do some last minute shopping! Proceeds from the event will help raise funds for the ballet group's trip to Portugal.

Bingo at the Lesser Hall

A BINGO social evening takes place in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge on Thursday, December 6 at 7.30pm prompt.

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Bridgend - A town for all seasons...

BLACK Friday and the evil *yang* to its evil *yin* Cyber Monday are out of the way, meteorological Winter is nearly here and Advent is, well, advancing assuredly towards us.

The panic buying – visit any supermarket between 8am and 9pm if you don't believe me – is a grim forewarning of what would happen in the days after the first announcement of Dottie, the global killer asteroid was made. Car horns reach a cacophonous climax in car parks, tempers seem to be fraying, the season of goodwill seems distant, and Christmas with the Griswolds looks inviting. Indeed, the icing on the (Christmas) cake would be to receive a Christmas bonus in the form of a one-year membership of the Jelly of the Month Club ("That's the gift that keeps on giving the whole year.")

Yes, it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and yet, small oases of calm exist.

It's not that they are quiet, far from it in fact; they are busy, bustling paces, but – and here's the thing – they are accessible on foot, have a mix of independent shops and high-street chains and tend to have more cafes and restaurants for that all-important cup of the vital oolong than one could shake a stick at.

What are these places?

Why, town centres, of course!

The GEM has featured a number of them in recent weeks and now it is Bridgend's turn.

It is a pleasant town to walk around, and has more history than many people realise.

For the Doubting Thomases out there, cross the old bridge, head up Newcastle Hill past St John's House (from about 1510 or so, I believe) past St Illtyd's Church (diary date: candlelit service with free refreshments on Gaudete

Sunday, December 16) to Newcastle Castle for a journey taking in around 1,000 years in five minutes. In the town centre, lift your eyes from the shop windows for a second to look at some remarkable first and second-storey facades, telling the story of Bridgend's success.

As with many a town centre, it's had its dark days but its renaissance is advancing and deserved.

And then there's the river, a proper river coursing its way through the town, where salmonids leap and canny fly-fishermen catch and release them. A nascent cafe culture, seemingly whatever the season, is there, and Bridgend is a hive of activity.

The lights were switched last week, Santa Claus and his reindeer drew the crowds and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. So can you.

There is lots to do, lots of places to shop, and lots of places to eat. What more could one want? Read on, Macduff, and find out...

A time for support at Christmas

Light a candle of remembrance this year.

MEL & Ron Watkins Funeral Services will be holding its second annual Christmas Remembrance Service on Thursday, December 6, at Salem Chapel, Pencoed at 7pm.

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year for so many, but also one of sadness for those who have lost a loved one.

Mel and Ron said: "It has been our aim to make our Christmas Remembrance Service an annual event to help remind families who have suffered a loss of the warmth of shared Christmases past, of the brightest Christmases to come and the importance of fellowship and support."

The service includes the opportunity to place a remembrance star on the Christmas tree or to light a candle, and is followed by some light refreshment in the



vestry.

"We are delighted to be joined again this year by Cowbridge Male Voice Choir and the

Reverend Richard Roberts, who will lead the service," said Mel and Ron.

"Also joining us this year is string quartet Tempo Primo, and soloist Natasha John, from Pencoed, who featured on the *Michael McIntyre Show* in 2016 when she performed *The Prayer* with Michael Ball."

Entry is free of charge and everyone will receive a warm welcome.

The chosen charity this year is Velindre Cancer Centre Fundraising; there will be a collection on the evening for the cancer centre charity, which provides care, support and treatment to cancer patients and their families.

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Little Green Men are not from Mars, but Theodore Reclamation.

HAVING a chat with the very personable Denis Theodore, we decide that the phrase 'Aladdin's Cave' is overused, and instead I shall call Theodore's Reclamation the summit, the acme, pinnacle, the apogee, the zenith, the very apotheosis of reclamation yards.

And it is. For someone like me who prefers old to new, and knows that chaps like Denis have been 'recycling', 'reloving' and 'upcycling' since before the hipsters that use these words were born, it's like a toy shop. Slates? Yep. Doors? But of course. A chimney pot? Not a problem. Finials and crests? More than you can shake a stick at. Fires, hearths and beams? Oh

yes...

Theodore's – on North Road in Bridgend Industrial Estate – is the place. If they don't have it, they can usually source it. If you have something to sell, they may wish to buy it.

I ask Denis about 'trends', and in addition to fires and fireplaces ("The things everyone was ripping out 30 years ago..." he says), the Green Man, a symbol of rebirth, is rather in vogue these days and enjoying its own second coming.

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Sowing the seeds of love at The Sycamore Tree

MARK and Emma Hall took over their local pub, The Sycamore Tree, in August this year after living in Colwinston for more than 15 years and with both sides of their family having strong ties to the village.

Their aim is to have the Sycamore Tree as the centre of the small village of Colwinston, which is five minutes from the A48 and within a few miles of both Cowbridge and Bridgend.

Their aim is to provide a warm welcome and hearty traditional pub food in the dog-friendly bar. There is a lounge area for relaxing in and to be able to take



advantage of their coffee and cake deal as well as a restaurant for those special occasions or just if you fancy treating yourself.

The Sycamore Tree and its team pride themselves on its high quality food and service and has recently achieved a '5' rating from the Food Standards Agency.

Emma and Mark said: "We have an extensive menu of Sycamore classic lines, such as homemade lasagne, pie, and curry, as well as specials that change weekly."

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New Tinnitus Treatment

New treatment brings hope for tinnitus sufferers across south Wales.

It is estimated more than 244,398 people in Wales suffer from tinnitus – the sensation of hearing a ringing, whizzing, roaring, buzzing, hissing or other type of continuous sound which has no external source.

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We have had a really busy season, holding

eight charity fashion shows and helping to raise thousands for good causes.

We have worked hard to get some colour into the Autumn-Winter palette,

gorgeous golds and mustards, deep reds, purples, pale blues and deep olives... really, we have colours to suit all.

As we enter the party season our attention turns to a

more glamorous way of dressing.

We have some lovely dresses, ranging from leopard print to velvet, prices starting at £55.

If dresses aren't your thing, then team a pair of palazzo trousers with a sparkly top *et voilà!*

And for a different look how about a pair of pleather trousers and an animal-print blouse?

On top of all that we have a great range of trousers and jeans in super colours.

Ficelle winter weight trousers are now in!

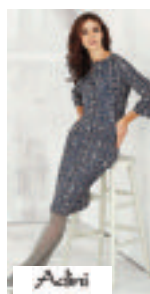
We have a lovely range of jumpers and tops, coats, gilets and accessories.

And for the really difficult to buy for, how about a gift voucher?

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Seasons opens up its doors for Christmas 2018



SEASONS, probably Wales' largest store, opens its doors with all its new ranges for this coming festive season on the Brynmenyn Industrial Estate near Bridgend.

This truly unique Christmas store is a must see if you love everything 'Christmas'.

Now in its 18th year of selling Christmas products, this family business continues to expand with this year set to be the best ever.

The buyers at Seasons Christmas Outlet have yet again

come up trumps scouring Europe and beyond sourcing thousands and thousands of exciting new items for their ever-growing army of customers. People young and old flock from all over the UK and abroad to see this truly sparkling magical store.

Seasons now stocks somewhere in the region of 20,000 Christmas goods, Christmas decorations, artificial trees and so much more, all under one roof. Browse Season's online store too, where items are available to purchase on its impressive website.

There several spectacular display areas in the store. First stop for most visitors is its

dazzling fibre optic and LED room, where hundreds of indoor and outdoor items are lit up.

Further inside you'll discover the stunning and popular Santa's Christmas Grotto, which always sells out and is now in its fourth year.

Earlier this year, Seasons' team of elves were busy redecorating Santa's home. The grotto's new makeover theme is surely set to delight Santa and his visitors once again.

To make a booking, go to the Seasons website and click the Grotto link to see available spaces on the calendar. SS



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Y Bont Faen cub reporters lead the pack for local news



A table groaning under the weight of items given for Harvest Festival by Y Bont Faen pupils.

READERS will notice a change to the way our school articles are written. As part of our new after-school club, we will take over responsibility for writing all stories, events and news about our school.

The Young Reporters are Izzy, Edie, Layla, Zac, Alex, Saril, Luke C, Luke B, Daniel, Eleanor O, Elenor H, Ewan, Dora, Nia, Lottie, Seren, Ingrid, Meg, Dylan, Bethan, Alys, Serian, George, and Clementine and are being supported by Mrs Millard and Mrs Carr.

During one of our sessions, Andy from The GEM told us about his role at the newspaper and gave us some ideas and tips on what to write about as well as how to write it!

He even showed us some GEM news stories that were not even out yet!

Zack said: "Andy explained the role of a reporter and editor well and I enjoyed him telling us

stories about his life in Thailand." Mrs Millard thought: "Life as an editor sounds very exciting as you get to read a whole variety of stories and learn things you never knew before!"

We will also be creating and publishing a termly newsletter within our school with news, riddles, puzzles and more!

We hope you enjoy reading our first articles.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Recently at Y Bont Faen PS we held a Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The event was opened by the Head and Deputy Head Girl and Boy, followed by an amazing performance of poems, songs and dance by Foundation Phase children. We could not believe the amount of cake and money that was donated by parents, grandparents and friends of the school.

Because of them the school raised more than £600 for this amazing charity.

Written by Edie and Layla,

Year 6, Harvest Festival

This year to celebrate Harvest our school donated food to our local foodbank and talked about why it is important to help other people and appreciate what we have. At the start of the festival, the children sang *Lean On Me* while children brought their donations up to the table.

Year six sang *Run, Rabbit, Run*, year 5 performed a *Vegetable Rap*, year 4 sang *I am the Apple of God's Eye*, Year 3 sang *Lets Harvest!*, Year 2 sang *Thank You Father*, Year 1 performed *Thank You for Everything*, Reception sang *Big Red Combine Harvester*, and the Nursery performed *Dingle Dangle Scarecrow*.

Thank you to all the parents for their generous donations.

Written by Ewan, Year 6

GEM note: splendid use of when, where, why, who and how. A good amount of detail, and an engaging style. Well done!

JAM Fund back on track

AT the beginning of this year, local charity the JAM Fund had equipment and banners stolen during a break-in, but thanks to a south Wales company, the situation has been remedied.

The JAM Fund is run by Paul Adamson and was inspired by his son Jamie who died in 2005 at the age of five.

Mr Adamson told The GEM: "The charity recently took delivery of two advertising banners which were produced and supplied free by Smart Signz of Tredegar.

"The company's owner Dan Andrews, wanted to help after hearing about the theft of charity equipment in a burglary earlier in the year.

"I want to thank him for his generosity. It restores my faith that there are more good people than bad people out there."

The break-in took place in January and Mr Adamson was tempted to call it a day, but local people urged him to carry on.

Over more than a decade the fund has given more than £400,000 worth of support to seriously ill children.

The latest youngster to be helped is a three-year-old from Gloucester.

Paul said: "Mason was diagnosed with acute



From left to right, Dan Andrews, Caroline Psaila and Guto King hand over the new banners to JAM Fund chairman Paul Adamson.

lymphoblastic leukaemia in October and faces significant chemotherapy for the foreseeable future.

"This is the same illness Jamie suffered from and the JAM Fund recently donated £500 to help towards a bedroom makeover in Mason's new home.

"The family was nominated by Tim Hamlyn, a former serviceman colleague of mine, who resides in Plymouth. He served with me in the Royal Navy and ran the recent Cardiff Half Marathon for the JAM Fund."

For more information on the charity, go to: www.jamfund.co.uk.



Three-year-old Mason, pictured with mother Emilee, will get a £500 bedroom makeover thanks to the JAM Fund.

Countryside crime takes on a mean-spirited face in the season of goodwill



One of a pair of urns that was stolen.

FOR some people, it is a season of taking rather than giving – as the villagers of Llysorwen have discovered.

Local residents placed two large urns of flowers next to the bench in the village. The idea was that they would be a welcoming sight for people passing through the village.

The intended welcome only lasted four weeks because the urns were stolen last weekend.

If anyone has any information on what has happened to the urns, or sees them, they should call Llantwit Major police station on 01446 792268.

Phoebe says hello to 'Alfie'



It was a long day for former Wales and British Lion Gareth Thomas at the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade Reindeer Parade last Sunday (November 25). He was leading the parade itself, and then stayed on for the switching on of the Christmas lights.

Laura Johns was delighted when 'Alfie' came over to pose for a photo with Laura's five-month-old daughter, Phoebe.

Llantwit Major School donates

TO support the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of The Great War, pupils at Llantwit Major School held a 'wear red' school day on November 9.

The amount raised was £542.85 which has been split between the following Forces charities: ABF The Soldiers' Charity; The RAF Benevolent Fund; The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity; Royal British Legion; and SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity.

The school also sold British Legion merchandise to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. The amount raised from this was £106.41.

Overall, Llantwit Major School raised £649.26. Thank you to all those who contributed.

Silver award for very handy man

A MAINTENANCE man who first went along to the Vale nursing home where he cut the grass and ended up staying 15 years has taken silver in the Wales Care Awards.

Nikolas Williams, who works at College Fields in Barry, has also undertaken specialist dementia training.

Mr Williams, who lives in Barry, took silver in the 'Commitment to Quality in Housekeeping and Hospitality' category at the Wales Care Awards.



SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has urged Vale residents to shop local this weekend when Small Business Saturday takes place across the UK.

Small Business Saturday is a grassroots campaign that takes place on the first Saturday in December – traditionally the busiest shopping day in the year.

Customers across the UK are urged to go out and support all types of small businesses, both online and in stores.

Mr Davies has also issued a special plea to people to support their local high streets,

particularly after Cowbridge picked up the 'Rising Star for Wales' prize at the Great British High Street Awards.

Mr Davies said: "Small Business Saturday is now in its sixth year and is a fantastic campaign to show our support to the SMEs that make up the lifeblood of our economy."

"Our high streets are huge assets to our communities in the Vale, including in Barry, Penarth, Llantwit and Cowbridge. Sadly, it is very much a case of use it or lose it, so join me this Saturday in shopping local and helping small and medium sized businesses survive and thrive."

'Festive entrance' planned at Knap

A 'FESTIVE entrance' to the Knap Gardens in Barry will be created on Saturday, December 1.

Art4u will be at the Knap Gardens from 10am to 2pm and hopes members of the public will get involved too.

Glyn Pooley said: "Local people can come along and help Art4u and the friends of Knap Gardens create a fantastic festive entrance for the Christmas holidays."

"We will be using as many natural resources as we can so please bring any evergreens, holly, berries, pinecones, organic tinsel and driftwood to help us decorate the entrance arch."

"The finished arch will be in place throughout the Christmas period and new year to welcome visitors to the gardens and lake."

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH PARK CRESCENT & THE KNAP

See more of what
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on pages 21 and 22...

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ONE very well-established business in Park Crescent is A & A Dancewear, which will be celebrating its 25th anniversary next year.

Children keen to learn are well catered for, but there has definitely been a 'Strictly spin off' effect which has seen more adults either refreshing old skills or starting from scratch.

For instance, adult tap dancing classes are increasingly popular in

the area and, let's face it, any form of dance is a great way to exercise.

A & A are a partnership of dance enthusiasts with a plenty of knowledge and experience.

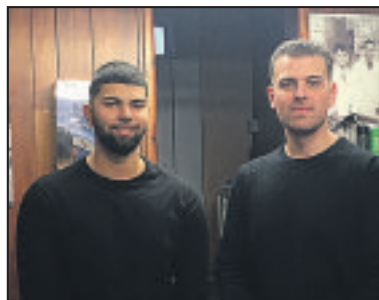
Throughout December, selected lines will be on offer, and it is well worth checking out the company Facebook and Instagram accounts for updates.

Remember, there is a warm welcome for all customers, regulars and new, at A & A Dancewear this festive season.

Park Crescent can solve so many of your Christmas problems

OVER the last month, The Glamorgan GEM has highlighted all that's best in local shopping areas across the Vale. What they all have in common is

A warm welcome for you at Asprou's barbers



Costa (left) and Harry
at Asprou's Barbers.

THERE can be few names better known in local hairdressing circles than Asprou's, and the family has been active in the business in Barry since the 1960s.

In Park Crescent you will find Harry Asprou, who has been there for four years. Harry has been joined by his cousin Costa, also an experienced barber, who will be there full time

alongside him.

Harry said: "We are a traditional men's barbers and can cut hair in all types of styles."

"I would like to welcome Costa to the business. He is an experienced barber with years of training."

"We are looking forward to seeing customers old and new over the festive season, and hope to see you all next year."

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hardworking, committed business people, often running family concerns, who enjoy serving the public, and Park Crescent (leading into St Nicholas Road) fits this formula to a tee.

It is a key thoroughfare in Barry, a popular route down to the relaxing Knap Gardens, the attractions of the Island, and the open spaces of picturesque Romilly Park

It features a host of long-established family businesses, all providing top services for local people and visitors to the town love the buzz and friendliness of the area, and also the range of shops.

While established businesses continue to thrive, Park Crescent is also an ideal testing ground for new ventures, giving young entrepreneurs a chance to dip their toes in the water,

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Relax and let Sue take care of your hair



Annette and Sue at Cutting It By Sue want
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this year, and wish everyone a Happy
Christmas and a great New Year.

HAIRDRESSING and beauty is a strong theme in Park Crescent.

One business that has built up a loyal clientele over a 15-year period is Cutting It by Sue at 116b Park Crescent.

It's a relaxing place to go, and the regulars love the chance to chat and catch up on local news.

The salon shuts on Mondays and Wednesdays, and is open for a half day on Saturdays.

Cutting it by Sue caters for ladies and children. People can either walk in, or phone up and book a specific appointment.

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Sarah's is a must for all your Christmas items



Rhiannon looks after the florist
section at Sarah's Greengrocers.

ONE business all geared up for Christmas is Sarah's Greengrocers which, as well as quality fruit and vegetables, has a floristry section.

What's more, it has just received its first batch of Christmas trees - always a popular line at this time of year.

To help customers as much as possible,

Sarah's offers free delivery on the trees, and also on another popular line - special hampers packed with fruit and vegetables to see you through the festive season.

Rhiannon, who is in charge of the florists, can supply Christmas wreaths, bouquets and floral arrangements - making Sarah's a real boon for anyone planning for Christmas.

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Park Crescent's mix of old favourites and bright newcomers

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As a result, it is an interesting mix of businesses, with A & A Dancewear and Demon Barbers both close to their 25th year in Park Crescent, while Lilbits and Polish Me Pretty by Heidi are looking forward to their first Christmas in the area.

Park Crescent is a compact shopping area where the shop you

need is never too far away.

If you are peckish, then Irene's and Harvey's are both well-established fish and chip shops, while The Park Pub is a good place to take a break with a hot or cold drink.

Christmas shopping is always going to be a source of stress, but Park Crescent's helpful and enthusiastic traders can make things a great deal easier.

*SEE MORE FROM PARK CRESCENT ON PAGE 22.

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Learning through play at Lilbits

A NEW business in the Park Crescent area (in St Nicholas Road to be precise) is Lilbits, a company that has followed an unusual path to the high street.

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They started the business two years ago, offering play sessions for children and selling the toys on line.

They were particularly interested in toys that were educational and inclusive, covering all ages and suitable for children on the autism spectrum or with special needs.

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Sam explained how the business had come to the area: "We outgrew the base where we stored



all the toys and our current premises are ideal.

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Sam said: "We have a nine-year-old, a three-year-old and a 10-month-

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SENSIBLE businesses do not mess with a successful system, and that is very much the case with The Demon Barbers, which will be celebrating its 25th Christmas this year.

There is a great atmosphere in their premises in 124, Park Crescent and it is obvious that the staff, who are all time-served and fully qualified, enjoy their work and are excellent in making customers feel relaxed and comfortable.

Owner Steve said: "We are open from 9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday and 9am to 4.30pm on Saturday.

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Heidi specialises in nail care, in fact she

teaches nail and beauty technology, using the salon as a base, while Chloe does all the beauty treatments.

In December, they will be running a series of special discounted treatments with Christmas in mind, so it is advisable to check the company's Facebook page for details.

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He does a variety of work for local dentists, but his office is open to the public solely for denture repairs, which can be done on a while-you-wait basis.

The AE Dental Laboratory is open Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm, and on Saturdays from 8am to 2pm. Shaun also offers an out of hours service for urgent repairs.

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Cowbridge Rotary Santa Sleigh route announced

ROTARY Santa's Sleigh flies into Cowbridge on December 4, marking the start of Santa's annual visit with his trustee troop of elves and a reindeer or two.

Cowbridge Rotary volunteers step up every year to help Santa meet local people, making a helpful note of last minute Christmas wishes from the children and raising a pretty penny or two in support of worthwhile charities in the process.

The special Santa visit gets underway around the streets and lanes of Cowbridge at 5pm on Tuesday, December 4 making its way around the whole area over the following 12 days, before culminating in an exciting Santa Saturday Grotto outside Café Nero, Birds' Lane on Saturday, December 15.

This year, Santa is looking to collect some particularly good selfie photos with people in and around Cowbridge to brighten his Grotto walls: your chance to get your photo with Santa, and win an extra special Santa surprise present!

Cowbridge Rotary Club will be running a 'Best Santa Selfie' competition, with the best photos featured on the Rotary noticeboard (outside The Bear Hotel) throughout the Santa Sleigh tour, and the winning photo announced at the final Saturday Special Grotto event. Please send your 'Selfie' photos to Cowbridge.Rotary@yahoo.co.uk.

Do not miss your chance to say hello to Santa and his elves this Christmas... get snap-happy and click yourself to a chance to win a special surprise Christmas present! To catch up with Santa for a chat, snap a potentially prize-winning selfie or family photo, or to hand Santa or his elves your Christmas wish list: check out the Santa's Sleigh Schedule:

December 4 between 5pm and 7.30pm, **Cowbridge:** Broadshard, Westgate, Tyla Rosyr, Darren Close, Bowman's Well, Bowman's Way, Geraint's Way, Geraint's

Close, Wolf Close, St Bleddian's Close, Leoline Close, Stradling Close and Seys Close.

December 5 between 5pm and 7.30pm: High Street, Middlegate Walk, Middlegate Court, Millfield Drive, Druid's Green, Melbourne Close, Eastgate, The Limes, Borough Close, Cae Stumpie, Aubrey Terrace, Croft Street and Croft Terrace.

December 6 between 5pm and 7.30pm: Town Mill Road, River Walk, The Verlands, Constitution Hill, Mill Park, Love Lane, Porth-Y-Green Close, Llanblethian Bridge Road, Church Road, Church Hill Close to Stallcourt Close.

December 7 between 5pm and 7.30pm: Cae Rex, Windmill Lane, Broadway, St Quentin's Close, Brookfield Park, St John's Close, Bessant Close, Llanquian Close, Lakehill Drive, Clare Drive, Talyfan Close, Claire Drive, St Athan Road, Crescent Close, Hillside Drive, Vale Court and Primrose Close.

December 11 between 5pm and 7.30pm: Aberthyn Road, **Aberthyn**, Downs View Close, Downs View, The Orchard, Court Close, **Ystradowen**, Tynmawr Close, Ash Grove, St Owain's Crescent, Badgers Brook Drive, The Meadow, The Larches and Clos Ffawydd.

December 12 between 5pm and 7.30pm: **Colwinston** in a circular route from the Sycamore Inn.

December 13 between 5pm and 7.30pm: **Llangan** village hall, Fferm Goch and Timbers Green.

December 14 between 5.30pm and 7.30pm: **Llyswoerney** village pond and Christmas tree.

December 15 between 8.45am and 5.15pm: Santa's Grotto. Santa's Grotto will be outside Café Nero, Birds' Lane, Cowbridge.

Please note: in the event of bad weather Santa and Rudolph will make every effort to make up the missed routes that he is unable to complete. Any alterations to the schedule will be posted on Cowbridge Rotary Twitter/Facebook sites and on the Cowbridge Rotary Club Website at www.cowbridgerotaryclub.org.uk.

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This Robin Hood will not make you feel very merry (men)...

THE story of *Robin Hood* is one that has endured, as the countless adaptations of the classic story attest.

Given that it's been eight years since our last big screen *Hood* experience, it's high time we had a new one, and it arrows its way into cinemas with the slightly unimaginative title, *Robin Hood*.

Here, Robin of Loxley (Taron Egerton) is a war-hardened Crusader who, having been thought dead, teams up with stowaway John (Jamie Foxx) to mount an audacious revolt against the corrupt Sheriff of Nottingham (Ben Mendelsohn), and for Robin to try and win back his lost love Marian (Eve Hewson), who is now with Will Scarlet (Jamie Dornan)...

There are some characters that are so powerful that it's easy for filmmakers to go back to the well and take on their own attempt at the myths, and Robin Hood is definitely one of those. However, after sitting through this interminable effort, you instead would have hoped that all involved had found something better to do with themselves than commit to this cinematic disaster.

It's fair to say, given the money and the stakes involved, that no-one ever sets out to

make a bad film, and you can see what the filmmakers were trying to do with this latest take on the character, but it just fails to come together in any way, feeling hackneyed, contrived and just poor in all aspects.

Let's start with the cast; Taron Egerton has, through these eyes, yet to put a foot wrong, being a charming and charismatic performer, but here, whether it's a script that makes Robin a cocksure man seemingly driven to vigilantism by his house being repossessed or Egerton just not having the necessary oomph, he offers a flat lead performance that doesn't play overly sympathetically.

Jamie Foxx's John (no Little being bandied about here) is fine as Robin's mentor, even though his Arabian commander seems to pick up a stronger American accent as the film progresses, while Eve Hewson is tremendously disappointing as Marian. The script gives her little to do, but Hewson's performance is limp and dull.

Those are two words that can also be applied to Jamie Dornan's Will Scarlet, a man so terribly bereft of charisma; and Ben Mendelsohn's Sheriff Of Nottingham.

Mendelsohn is another great actor who seems to have fallen into the trap of essaying villains in big-budget blockbusters, and here



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he seems on auto-pilot and barely interested.

Writer Ben Chandler came up with the story, writing the script alongside David James Kelly, and while there's something interesting about the way he positions the story on paper (Robin sent away to a war that perhaps isn't all it seems, those in power twisting truth to suit ulterior motives), on screen it just doesn't come alive.

Strangely, the first two-thirds of the film, structurally, has all the hallmarks of *Batman Begins*, a film that no doubt was being used as a touchstone for this 'grittier, more realistic and grounded' take on *Robin Hood*, but it doesn't do for that character what Christopher Nolan's film did for *Batman* – if anything, it does the opposite.

Director Otto Bathurst comes to the table with no little pedigree, with a strong small-screen CV including the first three episodes of *Peaky*

Blinders; however, this is a film directed with no little flair and too little imagination.

In fact, such is it in thrall to *Peaky Blinders* that you wouldn't be overly surprised to see Cillian Murphy turn up in a flat cap, given the way it (painfully) echoes the visual style of that series. There's also the small nod of Paul Anderson, who plays Arthur in *Peaky Blinders*, essaying Guy of Gisbourne. With dark, expansive places lit up by machines belching fire, you would think you were closer to Birmingham than Nottingham, and Bathurst looks out of his depth here.

It all adds up to a film that fails on nearly every level; there is a clever little twist at the end involving a character that, while perhaps a little predictable, is a nice touch, but in all honesty – by that time you've given up caring.

The ending sets up more adventures for Robin and his gang, but you can only pray that these don't come to fruition, for *Robin Hood* is a waste of time.

VERDICT: Utterly forgettable and awful, *Robin Hood* lacks imagination, decent performances and direction. It feels hackneyed and contrived, has very little in the way of redeeming features and is just all-round bad – one to forget for all involved. *Avoid at all costs.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *King Arthur: Legend of The Sword* (2017), *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* (1991).

Volunteer advice at Penarth GVS event

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) regularly host a series of mini volunteering events in various locations across the Vale.

The next mini volunteering event will be on Thursday, November 29 at Penarth Library from 11am – 1pm.

A GVS spokesman said: "Come along to the event to embark on a new adventure as a volunteer and open up a world of opportunities. You will be able to chat directly with local volunteering providers and find the

right opportunity for you.

"Volunteering is a good way to get to know your community better, meet new people, and gain new experiences. You'll also boost your chances of finding paid work."

GVS' development officer Dave Edwards, will also be attending and will be available to discuss voluntary groups' funding requirements. If you would like to attend, just come along on the day and a warm welcome is guaranteed. For all enquiries contact GVS on 01446 741706, enquiries@gvs.wales.

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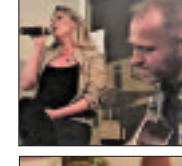
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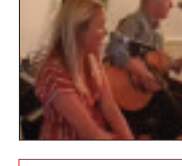


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With over 50 stalls to browse including first-time exhibitors such as Dove Love Ceramics, Crafted Arts, Crafts at No6 and Shirley's Homemade

Raw Chocolate, you're sure to find that extra special Christmas present.

The Christmas fair takes place in the stunning grounds of St

Donat's Castle and Arts Centre. Younger visitors can enjoy face painting and not forgetting that all important chance to meet Santa in his grotto too!

In addition to creative craft and food stalls, live music will be performed by the talented students of UWC Atlantic College and in The Glass Room Café overlooking the sea, you can take a break from shopping and enjoy a range of festive refreshments – or if you prefer something a bit different, head outside to the street food pop-ups.

For a fantastic festive family day out, wrap up warm and head to St Donat's Castle for this one day only event, 10.30am to 4.30pm December 2.

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What's on and when where you live

Cowbridge Art Society
ON Thursday, November 29th the society welcomes art lecturer Stella Lyons who will give an illustrated lecture on 'The Man with the Pitchfork, Iconic Pictures from Early C20 America'.

These lectures are always both informative and entertaining and are highly recommended. On Thursday, December 6 the society holds its annual Christmas dinner at the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge. The society is also presently holding its Christmas exhibition at the Old Hall, Cowbridge.

This year there is a record number of paintings in various media, as well as some varied and high quality craft work, all of which are for sale. This exhibition includes work by a number of artists who are represented by galleries in Cardiff and beyond.

We meet on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm - 9pm) and occasional visitors (small fee) and new members are most welcome.

Enfys Craft Fair
THE last Enfys Craft Fair for 2018 will take place on Saturday, December 1 at St Ffrancis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry (CF62 6NX). The fair has free entry and is open between 10am and 4pm.

Fabric crafts present shopping bags, place mats, Christmas decorations, cushions, pencil cases, makeup bags, bibs, baby shoes and puppets. There is a wide variety in the choice of jewellery, wood turned gifts, cakes, hearts that can be personalised, cards, paperweights, paintings, candles and lots more. Enfys' charity raffle for December is Velindre Cancer Centre.

Ann's kitchen has been adding new mouth-watering dishes to her menu each month, come along and taste her delicious and reasonably priced food.

As usual a warm welcome is assured for new and old friends alike, so why not pop in and see us, support our charity and spoil yourself with a little something from one of our stalls? The next craft fair will be held on February 1. For more information about the fair contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

Carol service at Lavernock
THERE will be a warm welcome for everyone at the former St Lawrence Church, Fort Road, Lavernock on Sunday, December 2 at 3pm for a service of Christmas lessons and carols, plus seasonal poetry and a few words from Rev Margaret Stark about the meaning of Christmas.

Anne Thomas will be at the French harmonium and the former church will be decorated traditionally to encourage the spirit of Christmas. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the Marconi Inn afterwards. (There is a free car park to the left of Fort Road just before the church.) Any enquiries to 02920 701303.

Come and Sing Advent
Though the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was first introduced at

Truro Cathedral in 1880, it is forever linked with Christmas Eve at King's College Cambridge.

However at St John's College in Cambridge, its world-renowned choir participates in an Advent carol service and as December 2 will be the first Sunday in Advent there is an opportunity to prepare your singing voice for the festive season by joining the congregation of Bethesda'r Fro Chapel. Llantwit Major for their Advent Carol Service. The service at 3pm will be led by Mr Russell Davies and will be followed by refreshments.

Bethesda'r Fro has also a tradition of welcoming in Christmas Day with a midnight service commencing at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve when the little chapel is illuminated by candles and heated by a coal fire, which creates a very special atmosphere. The service which includes Holy Communion will be led by Mr Nigel Williams. All are most welcome to both services.

Llantwit Library film club
THE Christmas lights have been switched on, the shop windows are full of enticing goodies and children are beginning to count the number of sleeps until the big day.

Llantwit is in festive mood and so is the library. This is reflected in our choice of film for the December Film Night on the first Tuesday of the month.

It's a Christmas classic with a twist: drama, fiction and fantasy with a little magic in the mix produce the classic cocktail which guarantees us a thoroughly enjoyable evening. As ever, we can tell you when it is, but not what it is (because of the terms of the licence under which we can show it).

But it's easy enough to find out exactly what to expect by ringing the library on 01446 792700, then make a note in your diary to be there on Tuesday, December 4 for 7.30pm. Then sit back and enjoy a timeless holiday story.

Meeting on Brexit

VALE MP Alun Cairns is holding a public meeting on Brexit for all Vale of Glamorgan constituents who have questions, concerns or want to learn more about Brexit ahead of the meaningful vote in Parliament scheduled for December 11.

Having received a substantial level of correspondence on Brexit from constituents representing all sides of opinion, Mr Cairns wants to give local people the opportunity to discuss it with him at a public meeting.

The meeting is taking place from 6pm until 7.30pm on Friday, November 30 at Cowbridge Rugby (Athletic) Club, The Broad Shoard, CFR71 7DB.

Places are limited and Vale residents who are interested in attending are asked to contact Mr Cairns' office on 01446 748657 to book a place.

Author 'inspired' by local coast and country views

FIZZY Pop Creative, a recently established Barry-based publishing company, has announced the publication of two books by local author, Mark Jones.

Both *Captain Cutlass And His Rocket Ship* and *The Adventures of Dixon Vole: Woodland Detective* are aimed at children aged five to 11.

The story of Captain Cutlass and his bumbling pirate crew tells of how they find themselves stranded in a deserted lighthouse and how through a series of mishaps, the lighthouse blasts off into space where they come face to face with a band of real space pirates.

The Adventures of Dixon Vole:

Woodland Detective tells the story of the cleverest animal in the Mill Wood - Detective Dixon Vole and his many escapades with his trusty sidekick, Sweeney Squirrel and the Squirrel Squad.

Mark Jones said: "I had the idea for *Captain Cutlass And His Rocket Ship* while walking along the cliff tops at Nash Point where the lighthouse, to me, looked just like a space rocket.

"*Dixon Vole* was influenced by my country walks around Barry and Wenvoe, in particular Porthkerry Park, the Mill Wood, Cosmeston Lakes and the Wenvoe orchid fields."



Time spent shopping in Penarth town is never time wasted

WHEN it comes to choosing a town to visit for a varied range of experiences, it is hard to do better than Penarth.

Even if your prime purpose at this time of year is likely to be making a dent in the Christmas shopping mountain, everyone needs variety and the occasional break from the retail experience - to use an annoying bit of modern jargon.

Penarth scores very high on this measure, as it can offer a wide range of interesting shops - the vast majority run by the face you see behind the counter - while still catering for every taste when it comes to taking a break.

Penarth has cafes, restaurants, wine bars, pubs near the shopping areas and slightly further afield.

It has its striking seafront, with the Pier and Pavilion, with even more

places to stop for a bite to eat or a drink.

The seafront is also ideal as the starting point for a bracing walk along the Wales Coastal Path - or you can head off in the opposite direction towards the Cardiff Barrage.

Penarth also has its well-kept parks and gardens, all ideal places for a change of scenery.

Shopping at Christmas time is never easy. The pressure ramps up

and the tension builds, and this is exaggerated by the milling crowds in a city centre or in a shopping mall.

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Cowbridge Scouts' busy few months

IT'S been a busy summer and start to the new term for 1st Cowbridge Scouts!

This year the Scouts went to Tolmers Activity Centre in Hertfordshire for their summer camp. Twenty Scouts spent the week making the most of the activities on site, ranging from swimming, sailing and canoeing, through bungee running, climbing, quad biking to performing arts and balloon modelling!

The week also featured the traditional day long expedition where the Scouts are split into groups and sent out to navigate their way through the Hertfordshire countryside for a day. First Cowbridge performed excellently with one group finishing in the top 10 teams on the day.

Evenings could be spent watching films or doing activities organised by Tolmers staff, but most nights were spent around the fire at the camp that was shared with Melbourn Scouts.

It was a great week for all involved, made even better by the excellent weather that held until it was time to break camp on the last day, when the thunder storms arrived!

For some of the younger Scouts, this was their first long trip away, so was a great way to get used to camp life in an easier camp environment with proper facilities! For some of the older Scouts, it was a last chance to finish challenges before moving on to Explorers.

The start to autumn term is always busy as it begins with the jumble sale, which is one of the key fundraising events of the year.

A huge thank you once again to all residents of Cowbridge and Llanblethian for their patience and generosity in giving so much for us to sell on. Once again it has been a hugely successful event which, when all totted up, will generate nearly £2,000 for the Scout group.

As always the Scout post will be in operation, so don't forget to purchase your stamps from Davies the newsagents, Barnes Dry Cleaners, Arthur John & Co, the library or the Co-Op.

The Scout group has nearly

completed negotiations for another 25 year lease of the Scout hall with the council. This is excellent news, and means that we can finally begin long-awaited and much-needed work on renovating and upgrading the hall both inside and outside. As well as work on the floor and roof, we also want to introduce new fixtures and fittings to enable us to do an even greater variety of activities with all the sections.

As usual, the cycle of new members joining and older one moving on continues, with some great successes to celebrate.

Last year four Scouts achieved their Chief Scout gold award which is a fantastic achievement for the individuals involved, and for the group as a whole, as previously to this only three Scouts in total from 1st Cowbridge have achieved the award.

The Scouts were Hannah Gardner, Ellie Davies, Rachel Gardner and James Hallihan. Their achievement was celebrated with them being inducted into the Cardiff and Vale Lord Mayor's own Scout group in September.

New helpers and leaders needed – Are you looking to put something back into the community? Would you like to volunteer? Would you like to play a part in helping develop the next generation of young leaders?

Cowbridge Scout group is run entirely by volunteers, and though many of these are parents of the Beavers/Cubs/Scouts themselves, this is not a requirement. Many of the current leaders have generously carried on after their children have left the Scout group, and many others have never had children in any of the sections at all.

We are always on the lookout for new helpers, as the more people get involved, the easier it is for everyone to just give a little of their time rather than having to invest a huge time commitment. We can literally find something for everyone to do.

Please email secretary@cowbridgescouts.org.uk, or look at the website, cowbridgescouts.org.uk, for more details.



Beavers pay a visit to Parliament

ON November 2 Barry Beavers Swimming Club travelled to London on a Parliament visit after being invited by Alun Cairns MP.

They travelled in two coaches, along with others.

Before arrival we were given a security briefing by Tony Bennett on what to expect with security checks, and given a briefing about what to do in a serious incident or

emergency, for our safety.

We went into the chambers where we were invited to question Mr Cairns, the Secretary of State for Wales about anything we could ask him outside politics: his own role with the Parliament, and the Welsh Assembly in Cardiff. Also about what he contributes to charity with raising money from the marathons he takes part in during the year.

We were given a tour around the Houses of Parliament in two groups when we were there, and shown around the House of Lords and House of Commons, where all the MPs have their disagreements and all the discussion about politics.

Also we had a look through the Royal Chambers where the HM The Queen goes when she attends.

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Brynhill becomes an oasis of floristry



Florist Hilary West during her demonstration.

ON November 20 at Brynhill Golf Club, local florist Hilary West gave a demonstration in the construction of a Yuletide table centrepiece.

Female members and their guests took part in the evening with everyone trying to make the best centrepiece.

It was not all plain sailing, as some ladies found making a Christmas bow quite challenging.

At the end of the evening, Ms West said she was very impressed at the standard of the centrepieces that were made and was thanked by ladies' captain, Sam Pascoe.

Union's charity quiz raises £450

A SUCCESSFUL charity quiz night, organised by the Farmers' Union of Wales Glamorgan branch, has raised over £450 for the union's charitable causes: Alzheimer's Society Cymru and the Farming Community Network (FCN).

The event was held on November 2 at Heol Y Cyw Rugby Club, where local farmers and friends of the FFW tested their general knowledge.

FWW Glamorgan CEO Rachel Saunders said: "We had a great night, and I would like to thank all of you for joining us and making it such a success."

"A special thank you of course must go to our quiz master Lorraine Howells who kept an eye out for any cheating or foul play and Christine Anstee, who prepared both the quiz questions and the buffet food."

"We had the best turnout we've ever had and so far have raised £453 but donations are still coming into the office. Thank you also to all the people who donated money or raffle prizes."

FCN's David Williams, who gave a short presentation on the work of the

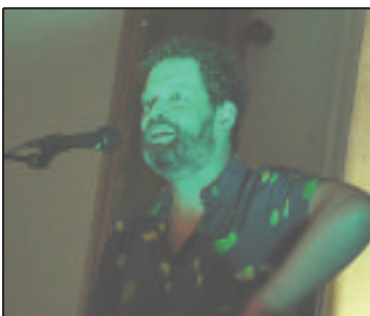


In charge of general knowledge were FFW's Christine Anstee (left) and Lorraine Howells (right).

charity, said: "On behalf of everyone at FCN, we offer our sincerest thanks to everyone at FFW Glamorgan for their support."

"Fundraising efforts like this prove just how dedicated the FFW is in supporting Welsh farmers. This money will go a long way to helping our Welsh volunteers reach out and support farmers and the rural community in Wales, where there seems to be a growing need for help."

Concert for Brain Tumour Research



LOCAL musician Dewi Heald

celebrated the run-up to the Christmas festivities with a concert in aid of the organisation Brain Tumour Research at The Old Library in Cardiff.

Each year the Llantwit Major resident puts on a show in aid of a local cause, and this year's event raised over £500 for research into brain tumours.

Mr Heald said: "The event was especially poignant this year as a

friend had lost her daughter to a brain tumour at the end of last year and those of us who knew her really wanted to put something on especially for her. We had a superb venue and a very generous and supportive crowd. I hope that we can do something even bigger next year.

"It's great that people can have a good time and also raise money for a very worthwhile cause."

Photograph by Steve Scaddan.

WHAT'S ON - NEWS IN BRIEF

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, December 1 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issues to raise are welcome to attend.

Festive litter pick

THE Love Cowbridge/Hate Litter environmental group will be doing a festive litter pick on Sunday, December 2 from 10am to 11am. Meet behind the town hall for an 'elf and safety' briefing.

Christmas fair

BARRY ISLAND Primary School PTA will hold their Christmas Fair on Wednesday, December 5 from 3.15 to 6pm.

Visit Santa in his grotto; stalls and Barry Community Choir will perform at 4.30pm. All welcome.

Barry and Penarth Railway Society ON Thursday, November 29 Members' Evening at Penarth Conservative Club (CF64 2EZ) starting at 7.30pm.

Bring your own slides, videos and photographs to share; all welcome.

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Pencoeed Phoenix under-18s work hard against Quins



PICTURE BY JULIE HANCOCK.

PENCOED Phoenix under-18s took the league leaders Cardiff Harlequins under-18s all the way in a pulsating match at Whitchurch.

The home side opened the scoring with a converted try, but it was not until approaching the interval that Phoenix opened their account, centre Liv Evans bursting onto a flat, well-timed pass to split the home midfield and score from 30 metres out.

Territorially, matters were fairly even during the early stages of the second half. However, it was the home side who increased their lead to 14-5 with a converted try.

The Phoenix effort was hampered by a number of injuries and, having lost players during the opening half, hooker Rosie Carr and centre Evans were further losses, both players having been prominent throughout.

Phoenix continued to battle hard and breaks from Evie Evans and Erin Smith almost brought scores, with only desperate cover defence keeping them out.

Into the final quarter, the home side got their third try to effectively seal the match. Unfortunately, the Phoenix injury woes continued right up to the final whistle, unbelievably losing three more players during the final phases of the match to finish with only 12 players; final score 19-5.

This Phoenix side contained a number of emergent under-15 players can feel proud of their efforts against a Quins team fielding a number of Cardiff Blues squad members.

The final scoreline does not fully reflect the match as a whole, with very little to choose between the sides on the day.

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Athletic youth's friendly

FOLLOWING their home league game a disappointing being called off by Maesteg withdrawing from the fixture on Friday, Bridgend Athletic hastily arranged a friendly game away to Upper Swansea Valleys.

They travelled down with only 16 players for the early 1.15pm kick-off preceding the Wales v South Africa international. With the Athletic limited to one prop, the game had to be played with passive scrums.

With a friendly welcome from the opposing team and coaching staff, the game kicked off. The USV looked a strong side, but the young Ath side matched them in most areas of the game, until they were caught short of players out wide, resulting in the USV winger diving over in the corner, for an unconverted try.

Both teams were cancelling each other out with some great defending. The Ath forwards (Brany Fooks, Jack Obbard, Keegan Thomas, Kalafi Molitika, Morgan Bennett, George Tellem, Sion Vigus and Ben Owen) started to pick up their game, but

unfortunately, open-side flanker Sion Vigus picked an injury and had to leave the field of play.

Wing Corby Lee then moved into the pack at flanker and lone Ath substitute Issac Watkins took his place on the wing.

With the Ath forwards taking the game to USV, outside half Cameron Lewis spotted the oppositions blindside was short of players and arced from one side of the field to the other to cross over in the corner to level the half-time score at 5-5.

The second half saw USV up their game and come out of the blocks looking like a very determined outfit and took the game straight to the heart of the Ath defence.

Within the first 15 minutes, they scored two unanswered tries, one converted, to take a 17-5 lead.

This seemed to spur on the Ath players and they started to play with more determination and communication for the rest of the game. With 10 minutes remaining, the Ath scored a try through good handling by the backs (Josh Tidy, Cameron Lewis, Coryn Lee, Issac Watkins, Louis King, Owen Thomas and Levi Hallett), allowing Levi Hallett to crash over. He converted his own try to reduce the deficit to 17-12.

In the final minutes of

the game, the Ath forwards attacked the USV line with a series of pick and goes, but the USV defence held firm.

In the dying seconds the Ath had a five-metre line-out which broke down but the Ath forwards still in possession laid siege to the home try line. They were unlucky not to get the winning try, before the referee blew the final whistle.

The game was played in good spirit all round and refereed very well. Athletic coach Paul Obbard was proud of the effort put in by the 16 Ath players on the day.

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Ben Howe scoring against Treorchy. PICTURE BY JOHN CANNON.

Ben makes his 100th first team appearance for Athletic

IN the November 24 fixture against Llantrisant, club captain Ben Howe, playing his ninth game this season, became the latest player to make 100 appearances for Bridgend Athletic RFC and 124 senior appearances to date. It is his third successive season as club captain.

Ben played age group rugby at Pencoeed where he won Wales under-11 and under-16 caps before joining the Athletic youth set up.

Ben was Youth Team captain in seasons 2007-2008 and 2008-2009. In season 2008-2009, he led the team to a unique double.

His team won the Webb Ellis Welsh Youth Cup final at the Millennium Stadium and followed that by winning what was then called the RAF Youth League final – the best club youth side in Wales.

Although the Ath youth have won the Welsh Cup and league on other occasions, it is the only occasion the Athletic youth have achieved a Welsh League and Cup double in the same season.

He also captained the Ospreys under-18s

during this period when Dan Biggar and Ashley Beck were in the same team. An arm injury prevented a Wales under-18 youth cap that season.

After a two-season sojourn at Maesteg, Ben returned to the Athletic senior sides. He has proved a mighty influence on the Athletic in his role of flanker, winning many player of the year awards including those voted for by his fellow players.

He has shown his versatility by on occasions playing centre, wing and hooker. He is this season's leading try scorer with four tries and the current first XV squad's leading try scorer with 45 tries at a very high average of more than one every three games, with 225 points.

What Ben lacks in size, this pocket-sized battleship certainly makes up for in effort and heart, and his tackle count and ground coverage support work in matches is phenomenal.

He was elected first XV club captain in season 2016-2017 and is now in his third season in the role.

The respect and popularity Ben commands from Athletic coaches, players and supporters makes it likely this will not be his last season at the helm.

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Bridgend Athletic mini and junior rugby round-up

THE under-7s welcomed Llantwit Major and Valley Ravens to Newbridge Fields.

Bridgend Athletic fielded two teams, the Greens and Golds. It was a great morning of rugby with all three clubs showcasing great evasion and tagging skills.

Standout players for the Athletic Greens were Charlie Tune, Rohan Davies, Xavier Gardener and Tyler Pascoe, who was the Greens' star tagger. Standout players for the Golds were George Evans, Callum Brown and Osian Phillips, who was the Gold's star tagger.

The under-8s played host to Llantwit Major and yet again boasted a strong squad attendance, significantly outnumbering Llantwit's squad of eight players.

The Ath were split into three teams, each taking it in turns to play the visitors while the other two played training matches on an adjacent pitch.

In total, three matches were played against Llantwit, with the Ath winning two and losing one, clocking up 13 tries and a modest 42 tags along the way.

The under-9s' game against Llantwit Major really was a game of two halves with Bridgend Athletic having to make 14 changes due to their large squad.

Bridgend Athletic started strong but lost any continuity having to make so many changes.

Unfortunately, the Athletic once again had too many players not contributing defensively allowing Llantwit Major to run in some very soft tries and win the game 65-40.

There were, however, good defensive displays by Ethan Davies and Osian Kenny, followed by Mason Brown, Grayson Whelan, Max Edwards and Seth James.

Athletic try scorers were Ashton Davies with three, Mason Brown, Ethan Davies, Dylan Jones, Seth James and Rory Whyte.

The under-11s hosted Llantwit Major.

Bridgend played very good rugby in the first half, scoring four tries and only conceding one. In the second half Bridgend slowly pushed on scoring another three tries.

It was a very cold day, and everyone seemed to be making mistakes and erratic decisions but all in all, a very

good outcome for Bridgend.

The under-12s defeated Llantwit Major 31-5 and were quite brilliant against a strong team.

Early exchanges were tight, but Ioan Hammond opened the scoring before Harrison Harper crashed over from close range.

Debutant Luke Humphreys raced in for a superb solo effort before Ioan Hammond and Joe Bruckel started to make plenty of metres and Jack Nyol took advantage of the open space.

The Ath were held up five metres out and scrum half Lucas Kenny darted over for a score. Another debutant in Will Jones tackled well and a good carry allowed Kien Tolantino to crash over for the final Ath score.

Playing to the last second, the Athletic were slightly optimistic and a mistake on their own line allowed Llantwit Major to score from the final play.

Jack Thomas was given man of match for a rounded display and great morning off the kicking tee.

The under-13s travelled away to play Risca on Sunday with a number of notable injuries.

They took to the field with several players in unfamiliar positions but took the game to Risca up front and out wide.

After several attacks, Rhys H was set free on the wing for the first try. Then a well-worked lineup routine by the forwards put Rhys H in at the corner as he ran hard around the corner to give the Ath a 12-0 half-time lead.

The second half started as the first half finished, with the Ath on the attack and it wasn't long before Rhys H was in for his second try of the match.

Then some fantastic handling created space out wide for Dan S to score.

Straight from the kick off, Rhys H caught the ball and ran in his third try of the game, quickly grabbing his fourth with a chip over the top and a kind bounce.

Risca crashed over for a consolation try and a fantastic conversion from the touchline, the Ath winning 7-36 with three tries converted by Charlie R.

Special mention to Alex T who played at hooker instead of his usual 10 position to help the team out along with Tate, who played his first match for the club after recently joining the squad.

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USA international Ryan makes flying visit to former club Tondur RFC

RYAN MATYAS paid a flying visit to former club Tondur RFC when he flew over from Ireland to meet up with his old teammates.

He has already been capped by the USA a number of times, and took his place on the bench on Saturday when his team faced Ireland at the Aviva Stadium.

Ryan said: "It's wonderful to see my old friends again, I have great memories playing for Tondur and always keep an eye on their results. I wish I could have spent all day with the guys, but I had to be back in Ireland ready for Saturday's game."

While Ryan was at Tondur, he presented the club with his shirt, which will take pride of place on the wall. However, it



may not be long before him all the best for Saturday." Ryan meets his old teammates again, as Rob Dyke added: "I will never forget the sensational try Ryan scored for our seconds to help us win the 2011 Enoch Lewis Cup Final against Wick."

Tondur head coach Matthew Tatchell said: "It means a lot to the club that Ryan made time to visit us and we wished

Mike Sully

Bridgend Bridge Club

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, November 21: First, Kevin Maddox and Tony Haworth; second, Tony Disley and John Evans; third, Rob Forman and Alan Heath. The winners on handicap were Kevin Maddox and Tony Haworth.

On Thursday, November 22: First, Gareth Jenkins and Mike Williams; second, Barry Collins and Joan Ralph; third, Geoff and Christine Tinkler. The winners on handicap were Margaret Roach and Frances Robertson.

On Friday, November 23: First, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne; second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; third, Dave Reed and Jim Hume. The winners on handicap were Dave Reed and Jim Hume.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled

to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

On Thursdays there is a session starting at 1pm on slightly advanced techniques of bidding and play. This week John Evans will present a seminar on responder's bid after a double or an overcall by your right hand opponent.

A new course of bridge lessons have started on Monday afternoons at Nolton Church Hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

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JAMES**Susan**

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So, what's new for 2018? Well, the BRZ now boasts an upgraded infotainment system, with 7" multi-function display, satellite navigation, DAB radio and Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ – all as standard.

Power and Efficiency: Fitted with a 2.0-litre horizontally-opposed (Boxer), four-cylinder, four-stroke (DOHC 16V) petrol engine with 200PS at 7000rpm and 205Nm of torque; 0-62mph is around 7.6sec, fuel consumption is a decent 32.8 mpg combined and a top speed of around 140mph.

For all those tech nerds out there, the engine's pistons are placed 180 degrees apart allowing a

lower, flatter engine profile. This gives the powerplant – and therefore the whole car – a lower centre of gravity. This more balanced weight distribution gives the BRZ exceptional handling, poise and more importantly control.

Boxer engines have taken some stick in the past, but, they fascinate me and the Boxer engine in the BRZ is pretty cool, thanks to key features such as the engine's square bore and stroke (86mm x 86mm), which all helps achieve a balance between mechanical efficiency, environmental performance, speed and power.

The engine is also fitted with an intelligent port injection system, which selects the appropriate fuel injection rate to provide greater fuel efficiency and lower emissions.

On the road: Nimble and frisky – and that's just to get you started. Take the nimble little BRZ out on the road and you will feel how well it grips.

Again, it is all thanks to the BRZ being fitted with a Torsen limited-slip rear differential for



improved traction, allowing the more enthusiastic driver to make the most of the car's rear-wheel-drive layout.

Also, using a rear-wheel-drive sports car drivetrain allows the engine to sit further back in the BRZ chassis, which helps provide a perfect balance for precise control and grip during high-speed cornering.

The BRZ is also fitted with a quick-ratio steering system, tuned to react instantly to every input,

which makes it feel like a proper racer.

Of course, to get the best out of a sports car you need to have a front-engined, rear-wheel drive layout – and the BRZ has this by the bucket load.

For 2018, there have been some changes, and although very small – they all make a big difference. Sometimes when you have the perfect balance between man and machine, it's not worth trying to perfect it more when you got it right first time around.

Design and Technology: Some of the additional standard equipment on the BRZ includes; Subaru Boxer engine (2.0 litre petrol), rear-wheel drive, track mode function, Torsen® Limited slip differential, LED headlights, keyless entry and push buttonstart system, 7" multi-function colour touchscreen with Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ and satellite navigation.

Summary: The BRZ is a great drive and perfect for someone who wants a nimble little sports car. Price: £27,025 (from)

Magnificent seven in the league for Barry Town United Ladies

IN the Welsh Women's League on November 25, Barry Town United Ladies visited Cardiff-based club Willows Ladies, looking to maintain their excellent start to the season.

The Vale club were looking to bounce back following their FAW Cup exit the previous week, and Barry went into this fixture knowing it wasn't going to be an easy ride against one of the promoted teams into the division.

The visitors were also forced into a number of changes for the fixture, with injuries and illness affecting the squad and a number of changes to the starting line-up.

Laura Saliba came back into the team against her former club with Olivia Townsend and Emma Cannon coming into the starting 11.

Tracey White also slotted into the defensive unit as Barry went in search of maintaining their unbeaten league form.

It proved to be a frantic start to the match with chances falling at both ends of the pitch. Willows had a shot from the edge of the area that struck a post and also fired wide while at the other end, Sian Rees and Cannon went close for Barry.

However, the deadlock was broken on 23 minutes when a Barry corner, delivered superbly to the back post by captain Charlotte Preen, was met by defender Holly Vowles whose bullet header found the net to make it 1-0 to the visitors.

The breakthrough seemed to take the wind out of the home side and Barry were starting to control the game with the majority of possession, looking to play through the opposition on a difficult and narrow pitch.

The defensive unit of Tracey White, Vowles and Alex Allen dealt with any threat behind confidently and the visitors had chances to double their lead before the break.

Preen shot from distance, went wide, and Cannon, causing problems in wide areas, delivered a great cross to the back post which Barry failed to convert. Barry remained a goal to the

good at half time.

The second half saw a continuation of Barry having the majority of the ball but Willows having moments on the counter attack.

Barry goalkeeper, Erin Brennan made a smart save with her feet and moments later, Barry doubled their lead on the hour. Preen again struck a delightful free kick over the goalkeeper to make it 2-0 and put Barry firmly in the driving seat.

Alicia Cox came on to replace Slaiba, who put in a hardworking display down the right and Barry went in search of a third and just 12 minutes later it was 3-0.

Some neat build up play saw the ball fall to Rees, who played a sublime through ball to Cannon, who placed the ball into the net to mark her fifth goal of the season.

Taylor Page replaced Cannon, as Barry looked to see out the final stages of the game. However, there was late drama when Willows were awarded a penalty in the last minute for a handball.

Barry goalkeeper Erin Brennan kept her clean sheet intact with an excellent save. The Dragons deservedly won the game, but credit must go to the hosts who battled hard throughout and made Barry work hard for the three points.

Manager Luke Williams said: "It was an excellent three points for us at a difficult place to come and get a result. Our players showed a great attitude and took nothing for granted going into the game and after we got the first goal, it settled us down."

Barry have now made it seven wins from seven fixtures in the league and the top of the table is looking like a three-team race for promotion to the Welsh Premier League with Caldicot Town, Aberystwyth Town and Barry all in the hunt.

Forthcoming fixtures: December 2: Barry Town v Willows Ladies (2pm Leckwith Stadium 3G); December 9: Barry Town v Aberystwyth Town (2pm Jenner Park).

LV

Seniors' shotgun start!

ST Mary's Golf Club senior section's main event of the week saw 30 members turn out for an individual stableford competition off the yellow tee boxes.

The weather was dry but very cold and, after the weekend's rain, very wet underfoot.

With the section's AGM scheduled for the early afternoon, a shotgun start was employed with the 10 groups of three players assigned to 10 different starting holes in order to have everyone finish their rounds at roughly the same time.

In spite of the difficult conditions, all three of the placings achieved net scores of par or better.

NL

Tynewydd FC get back to winning ways

TYNEWYDD FC returned to winning ways Saturday with a 1-0 away win against Cogan.

They got back to doing what they do best, being hard to beat and preventing sides having chances, with every player from front to back working hard for the teams cause.

On a heavy pitch in Cogan any decent football was few and far between. Tynewydd snatched the lead midpoint through the first half when a quick throw in caught Cogan off guard and released Ollie Cooke down the left wing, whose low drilled cross was cleverly flicked by Craig Rattenbury into Lloyd Union's path and smartly side-footed into the bottom corner from the edge of the box to make it 1-0.

Cooke was building on last week's man of the match performance with another dominant

performance here.

Tynewydd's back four and keeper thwarted what Cogan had to offer with a solid performance throughout epitomised by man of the match George Pycroft, whose colossal display in defence defined Tynewydd's performance.

Tynewydd were probably unlucky not to extend their lead with Tom Case unlucky with two chances in each half, but the 90 minutes will do him well in his bid to return to full match fitness.

Tynewydd will lock horns once again with Cogan this weekend, this time at home, and will be hoping for a similar performance and result.

Squad: C.Coleman, G.Pycroft, J.Shepherd, S.Eveleigh, J.Clissett, E.Hicks, L.Union (c), T.Case, O.Cooke, Li.Union, C.Rattenbury, L.Clark, L.Peterson, J.Pearce, G.Union.

JC

Camelots' loss

IN a rare week for the Barry Chess Club there were no matches played on Monday night.

There was still one match to be played on Wednesday night when the Camelots, in Division 2, made the trip to Cardiff to play the Monarchs.

The Monarchs put out a strong team out rating us on the top four boards. Our blushes were spared when Ken Hannah took a draw on board 2. Sadly that was all we could muster on the evening losing 4.5-0.5.

The Monarchs remain unbeaten on 15 points from four games, winning three and only drawing against the Cardiff Crowns in round 1.

It seems the newly-relegated Monarchs are intent on making a swift return to Division 1. They are now top of the division with a game in hand over their two nearest rivals.

Phil Jones

Barry Town will hope to bounce back against Newtown

THE S4C cameras return to Jenner Park this Saturday night (December 1), as third-placed Barry Town United entertain sixth-placed Newtown in the JD Welsh Premier League (7.30pm).

After suffering a first home defeat since January at the feet of champions The New Saints, Barry will be hopeful of bouncing back in this televised encounter by exacting revenge over the Robins, who took all three points when the clubs last met in October.

However, to do so, Gavin Chesterfield's team will need to get the better of a Newtown side unbeaten in their last five JD Welsh Premier League outings, having chalked up comfortable wins over Caernarfon Town and Llanelli, as well as a hat-trick of 1-1 draws against TNS, Cefn Druids and, most recently, title challengers Connah's Quay Nomads.

Leading the line for the visitors on Saturday, strikers Nick Rushton and Luke Boundford have helped themselves to several goals apiece this month, helping boost the Robins' goal

average to a healthy +11, the third highest in the entire JD Welsh Premier League.

Conversely, Barry will be without marksman Modou Touray, after the Wales under-21 international, on loan from Newport County, picked up a pair of yellow cards in the aforementioned loss to TNS.

Nevertheless, Town manager Chesterfield is expected to have an otherwise full squad at his disposal, including in-form midfielder Robbie Patten, recently named as JD Welsh Premier League Player of the Month.

Last season saw Barry run out comfortable 2-0 winners over Newtown at Jenner Park in Phase One, only for the hosts to be held to a 1-1 draw in Phase Two, another match held under the watchful lens of the Sgorio cameras.

Admission for the match on Saturday is £7 (adults), £5 (senior citizens/students) and £3 (children) at the turnstiles, while S4C's live coverage from Jenner Park starts at 7.25pm.

AC

Llantwit Major RFC back in action this weekend

IT'S been remarkably five weeks since Llantwit Major RFC took to the field to play a competitive game of rugby.

The enforced sabbatical came partly due to the Autumn internationals and partly due to opponents cancelling and forcing postponements.

However, the Llantionians did use their time wisely as they managed to play two friendly fixtures as they travelled to both Maesteg and Porthcawl and came away with two good wins to at least keep some momentum going.

The coaching staff then will be hoping there is no player rustiness as they finally get back to league action this week as they welcome second-placed Treherbert to the Recreation Ground.

The tough outfit from the top of the Rhondda Valley are in good form

losing just one game this season so far. Kick off is at 2.30pm.

The youth team did manage to get some action last weekend as they chalked up their first win of the season at home to Dinas Powys.

Tries came from Dylan Holloway, Harry Lovell, Jos Harris and Liam Padmore (2), with Holloway adding five conversions to his personal tally.

The club would like to thank the following people and organisations for their generous support in holding their recent Fireworks Display.

Chairman Rhodri Davies explained: "The cost of holding the annual event, which is free to the community, rises every year. So we warmly welcome the kind contributions made through our bucket collections on the night, but also the prior donations made by Llantwit Major Town Council, Llantwit First Independents and Councillor Mr Gwyn John."

AH

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for November 26:

1st Kevin Maddox & John Beard 64.17 per cent, 2nd Glenda Roberts & Liam Sheridan 61.25 per cent, 3rd Phil Felman & David Birt 56.46 per cent.

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Mal and students head off to Tokyo



From left to right: Mal, Natasha and A-Jay.

MAL SANCHEZ-JONES and his students A-Jay and Kieron are in Tokyo to attend one of the largest world championships in Japanese Mixed Martial Arts.

A-jay Harhy, a 21 year old shop assistant from Barry, has been selected to represent the UK in the full contact art of KUDO which consists of striking, throwing, grappling making it one of the most extreme fighting arts – even head butts are allowed! He will be the first Welsh competitor in the history of the competition.

Even though A-Jay has practicing martial arts for 13 years, he has a colossal task ahead of him at the world championships where the standard is set by a professional Russian team year after year.

A-Jay said: "I am extremely proud to represent my country but most of all my club in Barry. I will do everything I can to win, but if not I will take what I can from the experience."

Mal Sanchez-Jones, the 41-year-old charity manager from Barry, is A-Jay's instructor and coach, and is looking forward to seeing his student compete on the world stage.

Mal said: "This is not your normal

martial art, there is not a lot that you can't do when fighting in Kudo. Bigger fighters choose to grapple, knee, elbow and submit people but the lighter fighters use movement and knock their opponents out. The safety equipment protects from damage to the face but concussions still happen."

Mal, a 5th Dan black belt has studied martial arts for 35 years, opening his first Goshin Karate class in 1999.

Mal will be supported by his students in Japan after the championships, where he will fight against branch chiefs from all over the world.

He said: "This is the biggest moment of my life. Not only is my student fighting at the world championship in Japan, I get to fight with so many amazing fighters that I admire so much."

If successful Mal will be the first instructor from Wales to grade in Kudo in Japan under the Grandmaster Azuma Takashi. Kudo is still in its infancy in the UK but is televised in Eastern Europe and Asia.

For more information search for Goshin and Kudo Academy on Facebook or email him at malcolmsensei@gmail.com.

MJ

Bridgend's Kathryn gets Welsh netball call-up

CARDIFF and Vale College's Netball Academy has hit the ground running in its second year, with players being selected to play for Wales, Cardiff and Vale County and to compete in the Welsh Colleges Sport Netball contest.

Kathryn Titley, a 16-year-old National Foundation Diploma in Sport student from Bridgend, has been selected to represent Wales in the Welsh under-17s long squad.

"It's really nice to be selected," Kathryn said. "I didn't make the final selection last year for netball Europe, so getting a second chance is an opportunity for me to prove myself – it's a

great team and it's good to be part of it. I've always had a passion for netball and I've been playing since I was seven years old."

The Academy, which trains and plays its home games at Cardiff City House of Sport, is coached by Kyra Jones, who has represented Wales at the Netball World Cup and Commonwealth Games.

"The CAVC Netball Academy is really enjoyable as I get to play alongside my studies and I get to develop my skills with Wales International Kyra Jones," Kathryn said. "I like that I can do that and study at the same time."

Amy Bradbury, Seren Evans, Essence Gayle and Charlotte Lewis have been selected for the under-18 Cardiff and Vale County team. In a further round of



Kathryn Titley.

selections, Amy Bradbury, Seren Evans, Essence Gayle, Charlotte Lewis and Kathryn Titley have also been selected for the next round of the Welsh Colleges Sport Netball competition.

Barry and District Men's Skittles League

DIVISION 1:

KP Rejects 342 (M Stringer, J Barrett 33), Geest 350 (S Galsworthy 36); 49ers 284 (B Hopkins 34), Bunker Boys 281 (S Western 32); Blue Monkey 266 (C Bruce 26), British Rail 261 (L John 28); Posties 287 (M Gallimore 30), Willie Wombles 279 (J Norris 30); Billy Whizz 273 (K Sansome 32), Sea View 261 (M Robins 31); Merryman 305 (L Dodgson 35), Cannon Balls 270 (I Forsyth 29).

League table: 49ers 20, Geest 12, Posties 12, Billy Whizz 11, Blue Monkey 10, Willie Wombles 9, Merryman 8, KP Rejects 8, Bunker Boys 7, British Rail 6, Cannon Balls 6, Sea View 5.

DIVISION 2:

H Bells 297 (B Howcroft 32), BP Breakaways 300 (P Gardner 31); Exiles 274 (A Clissett 29), Mighty Dockers 273 (P Burroughes 33); Park Lads 275 (M Whyman Snr 30), Ex-Servicemen 268 (B Saunders 29); Tynny Lads 306 (G Hardy 29), Hairly Lemons 251 (D Gill 27); Cavaliers 266 (P Douglas 31), Colcot Boys 284 (J Dancy, B Sullivan 30);

Barry Park B 258 (A Martin 28), Witchill Poachers 290 (A Butler, S Rogers 29).

League table: Park Lads 16, Mighty Dockers 14, Hairly Lemons 12, Cavaliers 10, Barry Park B 10, Colcot Boys 9, Exiles 9, Tynny Lads 8, Ex-Servicemen 8, H Bells 8, BP Breakaways 8, Witchill Poachers 6.

DIVISION 3:

Witchill Nomads 324 (T Morris 35), Cocoa Nuts 336 (P Lloyd, T Clements 32); CUD 270 (B Saif 27), Castle Boys 258 (J Adams 28); Master Mariner 230 (L Jones 25), Alternatives 242 (S Davies 27); Park Rangers 269 (D Sage, A Mason 27), Billy Bluebirds 244 (J Marshall 27); Glenbrook Flyers 266 (S Tobin 30), Royalists 278 (A Evans, C Iannucci 28).

League table: Park Rangers 16, Witchill Nomads 13, Royalists 11, Billy Bluebirds 10, CUD 10, Cocoa Nuts 10, Castle Boys 8, Abercree 8, Alternatives 6, Glenbrook Flyers 6, Master Mariner 0.

View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Wyndham Cons 7, West End 8; Cadoxton Cons 11, Rhooose Social 4; Liberals 8, Moors Boys 7.

League table: Wyndham Cons 78, Cadoxton Cons 76, Rhooose Social 76, West End 76, Liberals 66, West End Runaways 63, Moors Boys 60.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Barries Boys 2, Slammers 5; Sea View Exiles 6, Liberals A 1; Rhooosters 5, Rhooose Social B 2; King William XII 1, Allsorts 6; Barry Town FC 6, Cambrian Flyers 1; Liberals C 1.5, Rhooose Social A 5.5; Rhooose Social C 4.5, West End C 2.5; Rugby Club 0, West End D 7.

League table: Barry Town FC 47.0, West End C 45.5, Sea View Exiles 44.5, Rhooose Social A 42.5, West End D 39.0, Allsorts 38.5, King William XII 37.0, Rhooosters 35.5, Rhooose Social C 34.0, Slammers 33.5, Rugby Club 32.5, Liberals C 30.5, Liberals A 30.0, Rhooose Social B 25.0, Barries Boys 17.5, Cambrian Flyers 13.5.

SNOOKER DIVISION

1:

Cadoxton Cons Z 3, Cadoxton Wildcats 2; Wyndham Cons A 2, Cadoxton Cons B 3; Savoy A 5, Rhooose Social B 0; Liberators 1, Penarth Cons A 4.

League table: West End C 34, Savoy A 33, Harbour B 28, Cadoxton Cons B 27, Cadoxton Cons Z 26, Wyndham Cons A 25, Penarth Cons A 22, Cadoxton Wildcats 20, Rhooose Social B 14, *Liberators 12, Market Street B 10.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

West End B 3, Penarth Cons B 2; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Services Social B 1; Wyndham Cons D 3, Sully Sports A 2; Market Street C 4, Savoy B 1; Harbour A 2, Rhooose Social C 3.

League table: Penarth Cons B 31, Cadoxton Cons A 30, Rhooose Social C 29, Savoy B 28, Services Social B 28, Market Street C 27, Wyndham Cons D 27, Harbour A 25, West End A 21, Sully Sports A 16, West End B 13 (* = points deducted).

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JW

Robbie romps home in knockout final

THE final of the Nipper Jewell Knockout competition arranged for members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last week on the Lakes course at The Vale Golf Resort featuring Brian Jones and Robbie Llewellyn.

Penlyne farmer Robbie started off by dropping just one shot to par over the first three holes to go three up leaving Llantwit Major farmer Brian with an uphill task.

All credit to Brian who fought back to being all square after 12 holes but unfortunately three putting both the 13th and 14th holes allowed Robbie to move back into a commanding two hole lead.

This was quickly reduced when Brian won the 15th hole only



Brian Jones congratulates Robbie Llewellyn.

to see Robbie strike back immediately when winning the 16th hole to go two up, as they approached the last two holes.

Needing only a half to win the match

Robbie, known throughout the Vale as Robbie 'the mower man' placed his second shot just a few feet from the pin to win the hole, and the match, 3 & 1.

T.McC

The Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

DIVISION 1:

Fallen Angels 265 (T Lawrence 29), Cigar Ladies 270 (E Simmons 28); Family Affair 237 (S Wilson 24), Baker's Dozen 253 (E Baker 27); Cadoxton Con Fillies 246 (C Harris 28), Allsorts 248 (C Newell 27); Space Finders 341 (K Jackson 38), Coppers 319 (J Williams 36); Barry Stars 232 (C Lambeth 24), Special Angels 235 (R Niblett 31); Family & Friends 232 (J Phillips 28), Pila Pala 252 (M Jones 28).

Division 2:

Roller Coasters 232 (L Gould 25), Breakaways 247 (G Hughes 30), Challengers 249 (M Velda 29), Rhooose Starlights 232 (K Bryan & D Holmes 24).

Division 3:

Hillbillies 295 (J Lambeth & E Anzani 30), Dolly Mixtures 305 (C Abbott & S Hughes 32); Witches 230 (L Carey 27),

Sea View Ladies 207 (C Griffiths 24); Witchill Widows 309 (L Spyrou 32); Uptown Girls 326 (J Marsh 33); Merry Makers 214 (A Hawkins & M Payne 22); Vixens 207 (M Marks 28).

Division 4:

Socialites 203 (J Savory 28), Livin on a Spare 242 (R Britton 26); Odd Bods 211 (S Hazelwood 26), Aristocats 239 (M Robson 25); Little Misfits 192 (T Davies 24), Witchill Wanderers 190 (S Renolds 24); Twilights 192 (C Brown 24), Nite Outers 178 (K Blackmore 26).

The next secretaries' meeting is on December 3 at Cadoxton Conservative Club. There are a few tickets still left for the Christmas party, December 8; for more information email barryanddistrictladieskittles@gmail.com.

HB

Darcey wins WUMA kickboxing title

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg year-9 pupil, Darcey McGuigan, recently competed in the World United Martial Arts (WUMA) World Championship held in Worcester recently.

Darcey (13) was one of the youngest competitors in her category, Kick Boxing Open: under 175cm, but with skill and determination, she went on to win the championship title.

Darcey said: "I am a member of the Titans Club in Barry and have to train really hard every week with my coach, Caia Coop. My teachers at YGBM are very supportive, making sure I have time for my training



Darcey in action at the recent world championships.

and keeping up with my school work. I was really nervous, but it was amazing to win the World Championship, a dream come true." YGBM headteacher, Mr Price, said: "We are very proud of Darcey's incredible achievement and the school will continue to support this talented and determined young lady in all her future competitions. Da iawn tti!"

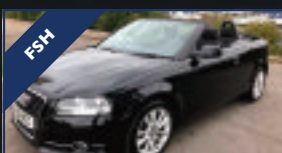
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Defensive lapses cost Bridgend Athletic the game



ABOVE: Ben Cording fights his way through Llantrisant tackles.

RIGHT: Caine Woolerton on his way scoring.
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POOR defence cost Bridgend Athletic dearly as at least three of the five tries scored by Llantrisant should have been stopped, resulting in their heaviest defeat of the season, 32-8 in the early kick-off at Llantrisant.

The Athletic started brightly and for 10 minutes playing down the slope made numerous incursions into the Llantrisant 22 but were unable to find a chink in the home defence.

Llantrisant broke out and capitalised on some panic in the Athletic defence when a dropped kick was off-loaded under pressure. Outside half Sam Richards was yellow carded for a transgression in the red zone.

Llantrisant, for the 10 minutes of the yellow card, pummelled the Athletic line with scrums and driving lineouts, but the Athletic scrum and defence held out with lock Ben Cording and captain flanker Ben Howe making high tackle counts.

After a scoreless 28 minutes, Athletic scrum half Dan James made a 25-metre break into the Llantrisant 22 and when halted, Llantrisant were penalised at the ruck. Robin Davies kicked the penalty.

Two minutes later Llantrisant centre Lewis Morgan received the ball with the Athletic defence lined up. He went for the outside break and evaded three attempts to halt him before crossing in the corner. Full back Morgan converted from wide out to put them 7-3 ahead.

Morgan repeated the move from closer to the



Athletic line and again was too good for a lacklustre Athletic defence to put his side 12-3 ahead at half-time.

A Morgan Raison penalty stretched the lead to 15-3. The Athletic were penalised when holding the ball at a ruck when attacking inside the Llantrisant 22.

Noting the Athletic in an attacking position Llantrisant took a quick penalty and ran 70 metres downfield into the Athletic 22. Athletic flanker Ben Howe, making his 100th first XV Athletic appearance, thought the ball was out of the ensuing ruck when he kicked it, but the referee disagreed and gave the Athletic captain a 10-minute rest in the sin bin.

A poor crossfield clearance kick saw the Athletic short of numbers and they were punished when wing Elliott Jones showed great speed to run along the left touchline and evade a last-ditch tackle attempt to cross in the corner. Raison converted.

Llantrisant then created a bonus point try by pulling the Athletic defence to the right and quick passing along the line created an overlap for Jones to cross in the corner to stretch their lead to 27-3.

The Athletic brought on experienced hooker Lee Murphy and prop Lewis Dando and

youngsters Joe Grabham, Caine Woolerton and Owain Leyshon from last season's youth team.

This raised the tempo of the Athletic performance. Outside half Sam Richards grubber-kicked behind the home defence from just outside his own 22.

Woolerton gathered and showed great speed to arc around the covering defence to cross wide out in the corner.

Llantrisant had the final say when wing Kyle Austin chipped ahead along the right touchline and won the chase to touchdown in the corner and subject the Athletic to their worst defeat of the season.

Athletic head coach John Apsee was disappointed with the intensity of the Athletic performance and the tackling, particularly of the backs.

The team now have two training sessions ahead of playing high-flying promotion contenders Rhiwbina this Saturday at the Morganstone Brewery Field to remedy faults highlighted at Llantrisant.

They will want to put on a good performance in front of match sponsors the Athletic Old Boys Association; a former players' reunion at the Athletic clubhouse will follow the game.

AB

Bridgend Sports RFC mini and junior rugby news round-up



The under-13s with St James School.

IT was an entertaining affair for the under-7s as both sides were evenly matched at Porthcawl.

The Sports put on an excellent defensive display to limit the number of try-scoring opportunities for their opponents.

Sports' Isaac Davies led with 10 tags and made some great try-saving tags. In attack, the team showed some great team work, with Eli McCausland, Dion Williams and Cian Elward all scoring good tries.

The man of the match went to Caelan Cawley with his direct running and excellent tagging. It was a close game with the Sports enjoying a narrow win.

IT was another great defensive display that laid the foundations of success for the under-8s against Porthcawl as the team tagged a team total of 53 tags.

A total of 19 tries were

scored during the game, with a single try ultimately separating the two teams. Sports winning 10-9. All players enjoyed running in attack at each other and using all areas of the large pitch.

Leo D'Adamo was the top try scorer for the Sports, with three fabulous tries. Archie Hall was the top defender with 13 tags.

The Sports try scorers were Leo D'Adamo (3), Aled Rees (2), Ellis Kendall (2), Rhydian Cronin, Gethin Roberts and Matthew Griffiths.

THE under-9s had a tough encounter against Porthcawl as they started slowly and did not recover.

Porthcawl dominated the game, scoring eight tries to the Sports' one. To the team's credit, they shared players with Porthcawl to ensure as many players as possible were able to enjoy a game of rugby and the team's decision paid off with a 35-25 win.

Sports' tries were scored by Dan Flower,

Dan Perriman and one for AJ Crawley. Dan Perriman also won the tackler of the week for constantly pushing forward and making first tackles at the restart.

Rafferty Williams took the star player sportsmanship by playing for the opposition, as did Matthew Hussell, who was quick to offer the Porthcawl side his scrum half services.

THE under-10s travelled slightly further west to Briton Ferry.

The team produced a magnificent defensive display which restricted Briton Ferry to three tries as Sports outscored the home team.

The Sports try scorers were Osian Stephens (3), Noah Roberts (2), Leo Giraud (3), Gryff Lewis, Jayden Walters, Billy Carpenter-Davies (2), Hari Coulthard and Reuben. Osian Stephens was awarded player of the week.

THE under-11s were also at Briton Ferry.

While the team stuttered in defence they were effective in attack and were in the lead, 25-35 at half-time.

A better second half performance saw the Sports gain the win, 30-60, with tries scored by Joe Major (2), Charlie Paget (4), Matthew Oglesbee, Chloe Roblin (2) and Dylan Evans (3).

Star player of the week was Madison Rees for her fantastic support work throughout the whole game.

Taibach headed in the

opposite direct to play the Sports' under-12s at Newbridge Fields. Taibach scored first with a converted try before Sports levelled, only for Taibach to score again. Sports responded well, scoring another two tries before Taibach notched their third to level the scores.

The Sports added a fourth try to lead 28-21 at half-time, and in the second half the Sports scored three unanswered tries to register a 45-21 win.

Tries were scored by Ben Evans (3), Rhys Anthony, Eli Davies, Evan Keepins and Lewis Lock. Jack Sperry added five conversions.

THE Sports' under-13s had the privilege of hosting St James School from west London on Sunday morning.

St James were paying their annual visit to the area and wanted to revisit the Sports, following their successful visit in 2017. Both teams worked hard and produced an open, attractive game of rugby where 10 tries were scored, six by the Sports and four by St James.

St James registered the first score, which was converted, to take an early 7-0 lead, but Sports hit back with three tries as, firstly, Efan Dyer fended off cover defence to score, then Cian John sliced open the defence

for a great try under the posts, the conversion added to extend the Sports' lead to 12-7.

The third try came from Connor Jones, Ieuan Pilliner adding the conversion to extend the lead to 19-7.

St James were skilful with the ball in hand and closed the gap to five points with a try and conversion to make the half-time score 19-14.

The Sports were quick off the mark and Efan Dyer broke away from another maul at speed and powered his way to score, Cian John adding the conversion.

It was pleasing to see Tom Chick on form and he was rewarded for his efforts when the ball was worked to him on the wing and he accelerated away to leave the covering defenders with no chance.

St James responded with some fine attacking play but fine tackling from Theo Clarke, Jack Morgan and Will Ellis prevented St James from scoring until four minutes from the end of the game.

Connor Jones responded for the Sports before St James registered the final try to bring an end to a fine game of rugby played in near perfect conditions and in excellent spirit with new friendships made.

THE under-16s headed east to play Llandaff North where they suffered a 33-21 defeat in an evenly-matched game.

Llandaff North raced off into a two-try lead before conceding a penalty try which also served to fire up the Sports after a stuttering start.

Rhys Jenkins and Dafydd Williams scored for the Sports, but the team ran out of time and could not close the 12 point gap.

SP

Tondu Youth push Porthcawl hard

TONDU RFC youth got off to a poor start, allowing top-of-the-league Porthcawl RFC to score twice within the first 10 minutes of the game, going 14-0 up.

We thought we were in for a long day at the office. The boys were determined not to be in for a hammering so the team fought back and began to play some nice rugby.

The first try for Tondu came from Nathan Bruce who drove his way over the line with a strong pick and go, converted by Dan Thomas.

Tondu were dominating the first half but were unable to score again before the half-time interval. Porthcawl scored first in the second half to go 21-7 up, and this was motivation for Tondu who came at Porthcawl with all guns blazing.

After some nice hands and good support play, blindside flanker Nathan Bruce scored a second, this time in the corner.

Tondu kept at Porthcawl, not allowing them to break through at any opportunity. Tondu were five metres out



ABOVE: Action from the game.

when they were awarded a penalty for an infringement in the ruck area and this infringement saw Porthcawl's number 8 receive a yellow card.

Jacob Thomas kicked the ball into touch for a lineout, which Tondu won and started a driving maul. Tondu drove over the line and hooker Morgan Creber was the one who got the ball on the ground.

With 15 minutes to go, Tondu were determined to get the win.

Porthcawl began to attack and were on the Tondu try line when Mason Hughes turned

the ball over. A scuffle then broke out which resulted in a Tondu player receiving a red card, but with a player down and 10 minutes to go, Tondu were still the stronger team who wanted the win.

There was another opportunity for Porthcawl to score, but yet again Mason Hughes made a tackle on the line and turned the ball over for Tondu.

Unfortunately, despite the boys' effort, Tondu were unable to score again and Porthcawl emerged 21-17 winners.

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ATTACK LOOKS RAZOR SHARP, BUT THEN IT'S BACKS TO THE WALL DEFENCE AS SPRINGBOKS HIT BACK.

Welsh autumn clean sweep sets up for a fascinating Six Nations

FIVE weeks ago, what odds could you have got that the Welsh back row in a win over South Africa would read: Wainwright, Jenkins and Tipuric?

Let's pass on the obvious joke about them sounding like a firm of solicitors. This was a trio who worked miracles against their counterparts Kolisi, Vermeulen and Du Toit, who outweighed them by an average of 11kg per man.

It didn't start out that way, of course. Dan Lydiate was picked at blindside flanker but a late injury meant that Ellis Jenkins, an openside for The Blues, was called in. Then, after 10 minutes, Ross Moriarty departed for an HIA, and was replaced by Aaron Wainwright. Moriarty didn't look too bad as he left the field, but he didn't return. Thankfully, rugby is more safety conscious these days.

So, Jenkins had to move to number eight – where he looked totally at ease, and it meant that the back row had no more cover on the bench. Tipuric and Wainwright went on to have fine games, but the stars aligned for Jenkins in a way that meant he dominated the narrative of the game.

He was a nailed-on cert for man of the match when the half-time whistle blew, and it was more of the same in the second, until the final minute of the game when the Fates conspired to remind us that life isn't fair.

I doubt I was the only person whose first action on Sunday morning was to google 'Ellis Jenkins' injury' – hoping for good news.

Wales did, of course, have 12 other players on the field when the match started, and as a group they gave Wales a 14-0 lead after 15 minutes, and then left a few questions hanging in the air like a Dan Biggar kick.

What can't be questioned, however, is the group's defensive qualities, which were tested to the limit.

That opening 15 minutes was not all Wales. South Africa had plenty of ball and

by PHILIP IRWIN



Ellis Jenkins was the man-of-the-match.

they were full of attacking intent, with outside half Handre Pollard firing out long passes to stretch Wales across the pitch and back again.

He was clearly keen to make use of wing Chesni Kolbe's dazzling side-stepping, and Wales needed a TMO decision to save them after just five minutes when Pieter-Steph du Toit's foot just touched the line as he was clear to score.

However, it was Wales who scored from their first period of sustained pressure. They went through several phases, each time with quick ball coming back and it was Ellis Jenkins who spotted a hole in the defence, dummieing his way through and giving Tomas Francis the scoring pass for his first international try.

Wales' second try came five minutes later and it was predicted by Jeremy Guscott in the pre-game discussion. Referring to the South African defence's tendency to rush out in a 'dog leg' he said: "I'll be amazed if Wales don't score a try from a set piece."

After an excellent 13-phase movement, again with quick ball and good offloads, Wales had an attacking scrum about 15 metres out. Anscombe went blind, the Springbok left wing Dyantyi gambled and the Wales outside half lobbed the ball over him for Liam Williams to go over. Anscombe

converted both tries and Wales led by 14-0.

It's fair to say that from this point on, South Africa had the lion's share of the game. Did Wales fail to go for the jugular, or did South Africa's pride dictate that they would inevitably come back?

One suspects (or should that be hopes) that the Welsh coaching team know the answer to this.

Wales certainly opted for a territorial game from this point, with Gareth Davies and Anscombe choosing to kick, but the South Africans proved reluctant to give it back.

On 18 minutes, Pollard reduced the deficit with a 50-metre penalty, and Wales were reprieved five minutes later when he missed an easier one.

After a Welsh attack, they were awarded a penalty but, from 45 metres, Anscombe hit the post. Five minutes before half time Wales put together a 13-phase attack, but this time it was slow ball and eventually, under pressure from the all-action Springbok hooker Marx, Wales were penalised.

The action switched to the other end and the Springbok scrum half, Embrose Papier, broke from a line out and kicked ahead. Luckily for Wales, with the line at his mercy, he knocked on.

It was a Welsh put-in at the scrum, but the South Africans really put the pressure on and

were awarded a free kick. Three drives later they were across the line, but it was Ellis Jenkins who managed to get his arm under the ball and make it difficult for the TMO to call it a try.

Another scrum led to nine phases on the Welsh line and eventually, a penalty to South Africa. By now the game was three minutes into the red, but the Springboks prolonged the agony by turning down the penalty, choosing another scrum, which Wales were able to defend, with Ellis Jenkins once again prominent.

The first 10 minutes of the second half was worrying from the Welsh point of view. Kicking for territory was still the plan but presumably kicking to Chesni Kolbe wasn't part of it and he made one dazzling kick return that almost led to a try, until it was tidied up by that man Jenkins again.

On the 50-minute mark, Wales were penalised at an attacking scrum and soon after, when a driving maul went to ground, a yellow card was looming. Wales may well have been saved when the Springbok centre, Jessie Kriel, demanded a card but instead had a stern talking to from referee Luke Pearce.



The Welsh team gather round as Ellis Jenkins is stretchered off at the end of the match. (Photographs by the Huw Evans Agency).



Aaron Wainwright did well when he came on as a replacement for Ross Moriarty.

Kriel was smiling two minutes later, though, when a superb pass from Willie le Roux put him in at the corner.

Pollard missed the conversion and it was 14-8 to Wales.

However, four minutes later, Wales seemed to get more confident and with 10 minutes left, Jonathan Davies, who had looked dangerous all day, spotted a gap and was away. In truth, Wales should have scored a try from this, but they had the consolation of another penalty, which Biggar duly converted for 20-11, and the crucial two-score lead.

Substitutions were coming thick and fast now for both sides and on the 60-minute mark, Tomas Williams and Dan Biggar came on for Davies and Anscombe. Tactically, there was no great change from Wales, except Biggar's

kicks were higher, longer and, as usual, he contested them fiercely when they returned to earth. On 67 minutes, Wales were given a kickable penalty and Biggar settled things down with a successful kick.

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Adam Beard enhanced his reputation.

With three minutes to go Ellis Jenkins was named as the least surprising man-of-the-match ever. If only he had come off to a well-deserved ovation at that point!

The message for Wales from this autumn season? Clearly, they can compete with any team in the world, but

conceding possession to the opposition is hard on the supporters' nerves.

The Six Nations looks as if it will be fiercely contested this year, with no suggestion that any side will be holding anything back for the World Cup, so it will be interesting to see how Wales approach it.